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Gov. vetoes bills on Everglades

Reacting to Gov. Lawton Chiles's veto last week of two bipartisan bills that sugar growers say assured legislative oversight of Everglades restoration and that property owners receive just compensation when their land is taken, United States Sugar Corp. said the governor bowed to pressure from Vice President Al Gore and environmentalist activists in an effort to boost the gubernatorial campaign of Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay.

"It is disappointing that the governor would bow to pressure from Vice President Gore and other environmental extremist organizations in an effort to help his lieutenant governor's failing political campaign," said U.S. Sugar spokesman Robert Baker. "It is obvious that opponents of the bill want the bureaucracy to commit the state of Florida to raising billions in new taxes without our state's elected officials being involved in the decision."

The first-vetoed measure, said Mr. Baker, HB 4141, would have provided for oversight by the Florida Legislature of an \$8 billion replumbing and restoration of South Florida - the single largest public works project in the state's history. It affects land and people from Orlando to Key West. The bill includes the Florida Legislature in the state approval process just as Congress is included in the federal

approval process.

The second bill Gov. Chiles vetoed was House Bill 4071, which was worded to ensure that all Florida property owners receive just compensation when their land is taken by eminent domain, as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bert Harris Private Property Rights Act.

Without this legislation, Mr. Baker said federal bureaucrats and the unelected South Florida Water Management District staff and board will determine the replumbing plan and require that billions in taxes be imposed on Floridians. The study plan will require the Florida taxpayers, as a 50% partner with the federal government, to pay up to \$4 billion of the project's cost. Mr. Baker says that money will come from new taxes. Lawmakers from both parties said they had a responsibility to provide oversight of this massive project and monitor the state's commitment on how those funds are to be spent. The Legislature is expected to take up the measure again next year.

"It is frightening that Gov. Chiles and Lt. Gov. MacKay have taken control of taxation away from the Florida Legislature and surrendered it to federal bureaucrats. These federal bureaucrats, who don't answer to Florida taxpayers, can now force billions in taxes and Floridians will have nothing to say about it," Mr. Baker said.

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399 Canal Street in Radcliffe, Belle Glade. The classes are designed to help residents in the process to obtain a loan and become a successful home owner.

For more information on the workshops call Centro Campesino at 996-3988.

Stand for Children Day is Saturday

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the "Stand for Children Day" on Saturday, June 6 at Pioneer Park on SR 715.

Activities begin at 9 a.m. and will include food and drinks, basketball, football, softball, volleyball, creative dance, forums, oral presentations, table games, step shows, tennis, soccer, horseshoe games and live entertainment. A gospel sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. and will climax the day's activities.

Sponsored by Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. Leon Camel, Jr. and members of the church invite everyone to attend this day of free activities at Pioneer Park.

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Applications being accepted for HarrelleBrooker Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Brian Harrelle-Brooker Memorial Scholarship for the 1998-99 school year. The deadline to apply is June 19, 1998 and applications are available in the office at Glades Day School.

For more information, please call Shannan, 996-7721, Erin at 996-5981, or Denalda at 996-3672.

The scholarship committee will also be holding a car wash on Saturday, June 6 at Lake Hardware from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a barbecue on Saturday, June 27 at the Belle Glade Alliance Church. Tickets are \$7.

Workshops offered for those who would like to own their own home

Centro Campesino Farmworker Center invites all persons who want to own a home to a special series of workshops.

The workshops will be held at Mount Calvary Baptist Church,



THE LONG WALK...Co-Valedictorians for Glades Day School Parker Altman and Courtney Braddock led the graduation procession last Friday night. Parker addressed his classmates and the audience of parents and well-wishers by saying, "Your hope for the next century is in good hands."

Many teens deny being members of gangs

By KATRINA ELSKEN
Contributing Editor

They won't quite admit they belong to a gang ... not quite.

When questioned about gangs, several girls at a south Florida high school automatically look towards another student.

"Why is everyone looking at me?" she demands. "I'm not in a gang."

She admits she knows people in gangs. Everyone on campus knows who is in the gang, she adds. It's no secret among the students.

"Why do teenagers join gangs?" she is asked.

"It's like a family," she says. "If you're in a gang you take care of each other. You back each other up."

She says she feels safe on the streets, hazards.

On the streets, she says, she knows where to go and where not to go. She knows how to stay out of harm's way.

At school, you have to watch your step,

she adds. If you accidentally bump into the wrong person, you could be in trouble.

But gang membership carries its own

gang find out you didn't stand up for them, they'll punish you, she adds.

Elsewhere on campus, a group of young men enjoy the bright sunshine during their lunch break.

They too say everyone knows who the gangs are.

If you look around the school during lunch, it might seem the students spread out in a random pattern, but you can come out any day and certain ones will be in the same places, says one. Rival gang members know to stay out of each other's areas, he said.

They don't risk confrontations at school because they know they will be arrested, he said. They also leave the clothing and other signs of gang members off campus.

He has to stay in school as part of his probation, he explains. He doesn't violate school rules.

Why do teens join gangs?

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Man caught breaking into Drawbridge restaurant

A man was caught redhanded by police after he broke into the Drawbridge Cafe on Marina Road and caused over \$1,600 worth of damage.

Belle Glade Police say they responded to an alarm at the business at 4 a.m., Sunday morning. They observed a man inside the restaurant who was later identified as Isaac Byrd. Police say Byrd entered the business by breaking the glass door and a glass window and door.

Byrd ran from the restaurant, when he saw the officers and was caught outside the building. Byrd was charged with burglary and taken to the Palm Beach County Jail.

If you're in a gang and someone comes up to you and starts disrespecting your gang, you have to fight," she says.

If you don't fight, and members of your

• Save Our Rivers •

By TWILA VALENTINE Land Stewardship

According to a recently released report from the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Resource Rivers Act specifically states that lands acquired with money from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund shall be managed and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and to the practicable extent, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition and make available to the public for appropriate recreational purposes.

The Water Management Lands Trust Fund may be allocated annually to the district for management, maintenance and capital improvements. District activities directed at achieving this level of stewardship are part of the Stewardship program.

The mission of the Land Stewardship Program is to plan and implement measures necessary for the proper management of land and associated water areas

owned or controlled by the district. These lands generally include those acquired by the Save Our Rivers program and other large holdings not utilized for operational or administrative purposes.

As steward of district lands, the program is responsible for their protection, enhancement, restoration, and preservation for the beneficial use and enjoyment

Third in a series

of existing and future generations. A prime requisite in managing these public lands is to ensure that the water, fish and wildlife populations, native plant communities, and related resources are maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and made available for appropriate outdoor recreational activities consistent with protection of the water re-

sources.

The program is primarily directed by the Land Stewardship Division of the district with assistance from several other district departments, service centers and field stations. Considerable assistance in managing the lands is provided by other governmental agencies and volunteers through cooperative agreements. Where appropriate, the private sector is encouraged to undertake certain management activities through leases and concession contracts.

A variety of sources pay for the district's land management costs. The principal source is the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. This state documentary tax stamp revenue provides \$12 million annually.

The district receives \$1 million in in-kind services from the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local governments. Most of this money is for

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Volunteers sought for Red Cross

The Glades area service center of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross are in search of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to be trained in water safety, CPR or First Aid Instruction. Volunteers are also needed for other tasks at the Red Cross office in Belle Glade.

There will be a regular CPR and First Aid class on June 13 at the Glades Service Center, 425 Northwest Canal Street.

To register for classes or to volunteer call 992-9703 or (941) 675-8000.

Belle Glade, Pahokee offering free smoke detectors to residents

Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments have a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents.

Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice and Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. Fire personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or in Belle Glade Call Lt. Hamilton at 996-2032.

Activities for seniors open and free

Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen.

Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade.

Administrator Effie McNair said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month. Other activities include weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and craft classes. Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information or transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

Low cost equipment and engine repair

The Diesel Mechanics class at West Technical Education Center is offering low cost engine and equipment repair to Glades residents.

Residents can get their equipment repaired and/or inspected by diesel mechanic students under the supervision of Certified Mechanics Instructor Manuel Moya. Participants will only be charged for parts and a minimum fee.

For more information, call the school at 996-4930 and ask for Mr. Moya.

Baha's plan Sunday meetings

The Baha'i community in the Glades will be holding spiritual meetings each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Magdalene Carney Baha'i Institute, 130 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Belle Glade.

A prayer session begins at 10 a.m. and classes for adults, youth and children start at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon and a youth workshop begins at 1 p.m.

Anyone needing additional information can contact Elinor Walker, coordinator at 996-1959.

Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

Bereavement Support Group offered

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, Inc. PEPPPI Head Start, is recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children. All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718. Contact persons are Barbara Green or Tammy Kyles.

p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade. Participation in any of these meetings is strictly confidential.

Any one needing additional assistance or who has questions can call Narcotics Anonymous at 561-848-NANA.

Children welcome

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Applications available for Leadership Glades

Now in its eighth year, Leadership Glades is seeking emerging leaders of the Glades for the 1998-99 class. If you are interested or know someone who is, applications are now available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is Friday, June 5. Call Danielle Penel at 996-2745 for more information.

"Stop the Violence Day" events planned, June 13

Neighborhood Buddies is sponsoring "Stop the Violence Day" activities on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 8 a.m. with a Walk-A-Then and a concert. Events will take place at Hand Park in front of NOAH Development's Covenant Village. For more information, call 996-6738 or 996-1088.

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Teens in denial

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have someone to back you up."

If you're in a gang, you don't have to be afraid, said another. At least, you don't have to be afraid as long as you are on your own turf.

He admits to getting "a little paranoid," if he has to leave his hometown.

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law enforcement services.

The district seeks other revenue generating opportunities, especially the opportunity available from various regulatory programs seeking off-site mitigation. Presently, this source of revenue provides about \$300,000 annually.

The balance of the money needed to fund this program, about 7.5 percent, comes from the district's budget and property taxes.

The stewardship program is comprised of six major functions: Strategic, project and management planning; Operation and maintenance of land resources; Development of public use programs; Development of restoration projects; Evaluation of management activities (monitoring); and, Administration of land and management service contracts.

*Strategic Planning

This unit prepares the district's Save Our Rivers five-year Plan. They then integrate the plan with other district planning functions, and the land acquisition and management programs of other state, county and local governments.

Some of the highlights of this unit during 1997 include: Approved four new projects and revisions to eight existing projects; With revisions added 87,660 acres to the land acquisition plan; Revised policy to evaluate and select lands for the acquisition program; Completed Preservation 2000 needs and priority study.

*Project Planning

This unit evaluates all potential SOR projects before they are placed in the five-year plan. They rate the water and other natural resources of the proposed projects to produce the five-year plan.

Some of the highlights of this unit during 1997 include: Management plans completed for Shingle Creek and Lake Marion on Creek; Agreement with Osceola County School board for Lake Russell tract; Agreement with Nature Conservancy for lands in Reedy Creek.

Some of the goals for the current fiscal year include: Conduct reviews for five management areas; Initiate management plans for the Kissimmee River, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Reedy Creek; Complete management plan for Lake Marion Creek Management Area; and, Complete forestry management study.

*Operation and Maintenance of Land Resources

The land maintenance program involves a wide range of activities to protect, maintain and enhance the natural resources and the district's real property assets. Several professional land managers, with unique skills and experience are based in both the service centers and at district headquarters, implement the program.

An program of contractual law enforcement, on-site caretakers, lessees' vigilance, and employer inspections protects the natural resources and the district's assets. The protection program must be open to appropriate public use of the lands.

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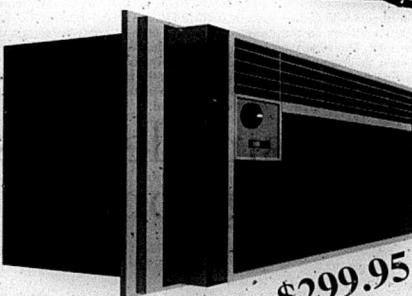
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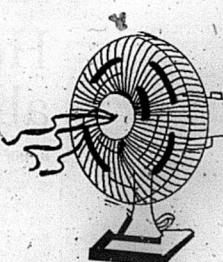
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Correcting information

"I'm calling about the Speak Out last week about the youth misbehaving after the dance at the old Pahokee High School gym."

It is totally incorrect that the City of Pahokee Recreation Department sponsored the dance. The caller, he or she, should have first found out the facts before they publicly denounced any recreation department or any person.

There was a dance at the recreation department, but the recreation department had nothing to do with it. The caller probably doesn't realize that facility is rented out occasionally to other people.

At that particular time it was rented out to another group of people. The recreation department, under the recreation director, had nothing to do with this dance. He was out of town anyway.

What I'm saying is - before you bust a rock, find out how hard it is to bust it. And before you denounce a group, make sure you know the facts, or try to do like Sherlock Holmes does, try to seek and research the facts before you publicly denounce any group.

Thank you.

More on the dance

"I'm calling in reference to this week's Speak Out 'Youth Misbehave after dance'."

A correction for the person who called it in. This dance was not sponsored by the City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Department, it was sponsored by a private citizen. The City of Pahokee maybe needs to have better regulations when private citizens are having activities, so they can have police escorts, if that is

necessary, since there seems to be a pattern of destruction that happens after each dance.

Anyway, I'd like to hear the city's review on that, because it was not sponsored by the parks and recreation department."

Editor's note: Thank you both for setting the record straight. Anytime someone inadvertently gives incorrect information, please let us know and we will always allow space to set the record straight.

Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck comments: "In response to the concern about problems after dances, I agree there are problems that need to be addressed and the city commission is scheduled to meet and discuss this issue. However, all of the problems are not associated with city functions. The dance on May 22 was not a city sponsored function. During city functions our staff actually walks home with the youth to try to eliminate these types of problems. This doesn't solve everything, but it helps."

Caller doesn't like officers "hanging out" at convenience store

"I remember reading an article in the paper many months back about problems they had in the Port St. Lucie area in reference to the police officers hanging out in donut shops all the time."

If you'd like to see something really keen, go up to the Town Star near the Canal Point area and watch in the afternoon as all the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputies there. I have counted as many as six vehicles there at one time.

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Legislative update...

A report from State Representative Addie L. Greene

The Florida House Of Representatives 1998 Legislative Session was a great success. The following legislation and funded projects will be implemented in Palm Beach County.

Community Environmental Health Program: This legislation will ensure the availability of public health services to members of low-income communities that may be adversely affected by contaminated sites located in or near the community associated with exposure of environmental contamination.

Child Care Facilities Requirements: Authorize the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt different standards for child care facilities that serve different age

groups, including school-age children.

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption: This legislation allows an exemption of 1994 taxes owed by NOAH (Neighbors Organized for Adequate Housing) of Belle Glade. This organization, due to an inadvertent error, failed to file tax exemption in a timely manner.

Parkinson/Respite and Day Care Program: This funding will establish the first site in Palm Beach County for persons stricken with Parkinson's Disease. It creates a Parkinson's Disease Advisory Committee to include Parkinson's research and assistance to families and victims of Parkinson's Disease.

Belle Glade Business Park: This funding will allow rehabilitation of the Belle Glade Business Park in Belle Glade.

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"BUT, MOM, SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS GOING TO HIT ME... SO I HIT HER FIRST TO PROTECT MYSELF."

Global warming could disrupt agriculture around the globe

University of Florida researchers are peaking into the next century at what might happen to food crops if global warming continues at its current rate, and what they found is a good new/bad news situation.

In the short run, the research shows, some crops thrive in warmer temperatures caused by increases in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. But the picture could worsen later in the century, if temperatures climb and rainfall patterns change around the globe.

One glimmer of hope: new genetically engineered plants that produce high yields in a changing environment.

Carbon dioxide is the key to plant growth, and rising levels of the gas may be a silver lining for agriculture for a few decades," says Hartwell Allen, crop and climate research scientist with the UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"Our research shows that increases in carbon dioxide do have some positive effects on the growth of most plants," he said. "However, too much carbon dioxide will heat the atmosphere and disrupt agriculture around the globe as we know it."

"The warming changes will come very gradu-

ally over many decades. We're certainly not going to start growing citrus in Georgia or winter vegetables in Minnesota anytime soon, if ever."

The research project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, began in 1981 on soybeans and has been expanded to other crops during the last 10 years.

To find out how peanuts, rice, soybeans, sugar cane and forage crops react to elevated carbon dioxide, temperature, humidity and soil moisture levels, UF researchers are using computer-controlled greenhouses and growth chambers to simulate climate and environmental changes that may begin unfolding early in the next century.

In testing various "what if" scenarios for Florida agriculture, Allen and UF agronomist Ken Boote found that changes in temperature and rainfall could be the most troublesome. While slightly elevated temperatures did not affect the growth of most crops tested, global warming could cause rainfall to drop in some parts of the world and increase in others.

"We're convinced the biggest problem could be changes in rainfall patterns and the availability of water," Allen said.

Here's the simple facts about nursing homes

By Bill Phelan

Many people regard nursing homes as they do the hospital or dentist's office: a place you'd rather not deal with if at all possible. That attitude is changing as more families in Florida are faced with aging and increasingly medically-dependent parents or grandparents. It's then when the state's 700 nursing homes are viewed in a more realistic light and seen as the community resources they are.

If you're considering long-term care for a family member, or the next time you see or hear news accounts about nursing homes, keep these simple facts in mind:

• People in nursing homes are there because they need to be there. They must have around-the-clock medical care their own families simply cannot furnish. Long-term care providers enable a resident to have the highest quality of life possible.

• Nursing home care is expensive; about \$30,000 a year minimum. As a result, about two-thirds of all Florida nursing home residents have their care paid for by Medicaid, the state/federal program for the poor.

• Nursing homes are held to very high standards by no fewer than 32 local, state and federal government agencies. Ninety-five percent meet or exceed these criteria.

• Long-term care workers have the toughest job in all of health care. It's hard, sometimes exhausting work that requires special people.

• Humans are not perfect. In our state, if a

nursing home resident is harmed by someone else's actions, the law will hold that person accountable.

• Very old and very sick people will die in nursing homes, just as they will die in hospitals, hospices and at home - it's a fact of life. Even the best medical and nursing care cannot undo the natural aging process. Most families understand and accept this reality, but some will have difficulty.

• Things are getting better. The legislature has authorized greater funding for nursing homes and regulators are paying closer attention to the handful of facilities that fall below the line.

Finally, lawyer TV commercials that portray all nursing homes as dangerous and its workers as abusers do a tremendous disservice to families, professional reputations, and the truth. Perhaps worse, they often frighten elderly people and further complicate sensitive family discussions. Our elders deserve better, and so do their families who must make difficult choices for them when they no longer can care for themselves.

Bill Phelan is the executive director of the Florida Health Care Association, which represents the state's 700 nursing homes and 2,100 assisted living facilities. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1459, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1459. Visit the FHCA's web site at www.fhca.org.

The latest on engagements

Morris & Wells to wed



Anita Lyn Morris is the daughter of David and Rebecca Morris of Belle Glade. She is a 1992 graduate of Christian Day School and a 1994 graduate of Palm Beach Community College. Anita is currently working for Advanced Refrigeration in Orlando.

Sammy Joe Wells, Jr. is the son of Loretta Hagan and Sam Well, Sr. of Alabama. He is a stock broker with Charles Schwab.

Anita and Joe plan to marry Saturday, June 13, at Parkway Baptist Church, Orlando, in a double ring ceremony.



SUNPHOTO by Jennie M. Sears

The City of Pahokee and the Glades Administrative Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta held a Stand For Children Day at the Pahokee Recreational Center on May 30. This event was a great success. Over 300 children attended and participated in basketball tournaments, dunking booths, reptile shows and many other games. Parents on Patrol were there to watch over the children as well as other community volunteers. The children enjoyed a day of fun, games and free food.

Walden & Underwood to wed

Patricia Kelleher Walden of South Bay is the daughter of Barbara and George Kelleher of Lake Placid, FL.

She is an Office Manager at Belle Glade Produce, Inc.

Michael John Underwood of Belle Glade is the son of Ann and John Underwood of Melbourne, FL.

He is employed with the City of Belle Glade as the Administrator of Parks and



Recreation. Michael also coaches varsity baseball and football at Glades Day School.

On Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m., the couple will unite in a double ring ceremony at the Belle Glade Marina & Campground Pavilion on Tory Island. The Rev. Sheryl Tillary will officiate.

All friends of the couple are invited. No local invitations are being mailed.

Army, Air Force and Navy

Jesus Gauna has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Royal Palm Beach, FL.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Gauna, a student at Glades Central Community High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training July 1, 1998.

He is the son of Irma Garza of South Bay.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class

Christopher A. Hatton, a 1995 graduate of Glades Day School of Belle Glade, FL is currently halfway through six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Saipan.

Hatton is one of more than 300 Sailors aboard the ship, which departed its homeport of Norfolk, VA, in February as part of the USS John C. Stennis Battle Group.

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He joined the Navy in March 1996.

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Sie Mary Jacqueline Cahela
was born January 15, 1934 in Etowah County, Alabama, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Lotta Sparks. She was united to the late Bro. Charles Cahela in holy matrimony for 21 years. She joined Miracle Temple Ministry in 1985 under the leadership of Rev. Alvin Eugene Nichols, where she remained faithful until her illness. She was always willing to give a helping hand to whomever needed. She departed this life on May 26, at Glades Health Care in Pahokee, FL.

She is survived by daughter Debra, Sandra, and Mindy, all of Alabama, and one spiritual daughter, Margaret Lawton of Belle Glade; grandchildren - Destiny, Tabitha, Jennifer, and Kerr and two great grandsons - Ryne and Mathew all of Marshall County, Alabama. And a host of other friends.

Interment was held at Port Mayaca Cemetery on Tuesday, June 2.

Glades Funeral Chapel had charge of arrangements.

Rosemary Rouse was born December 22, 1938 in Ohio, to the late Loo and Mary McCrady. She died Tuesday, May 26 in West Palm Beach.

She was born in Parrish, FL in 1904, the town was named after her family. She later became a school teacher and moved to Pahokee to teach. After moving to Pahokee she married L.D. Shirley. One of her first grade student in 1938 was Nina Russin who became her daughter-in-law in 1951 when she married Jimmy Shirley.

In the mid sixties Susie and Linn moved to Holmes Beach.

Rosemary was a Registered Nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was also a member of St. Luke's Church in West Palm Beach.

She is survived by daughter Deborah Ortega and husband Pedro, Laura Uribe and husband Ruben, Teresa Cotto and husband Freddie; son - Edward Rouse of Okala, FL; sisters - Norma Jean Merkle and husband Robert McCrady; Jean McConnell all of West Palm Beach; Janette Stirling and husband Cary of Sarasota; Christina Corbos and husband Carlos of Panama City, FL; Margaret Bennett and husband Richard of Rockridge, FL; Sister Mary Lee of Ohio, Shareen Arguello of Pahokee; brothers - Richard McCrady of Jasper, FL, David McCrady and wife Pat, William McCrady and wife Judy all of Lantana, FL; three grandchildren - Michael, April and Patricia Cotto.

Services were held Thursday, May 28 at a relatives home in Lantana.

Susie Parrish Shirley, 94, of Holmes Beach, Florida passed away May 14.

Susie was born in Parrish, FL in 1904, the town was named after her family. She later became a school teacher and moved to Pahokee to teach. After moving to Pahokee she married L.D. Shirley.

One of her first grade student in 1938 was Nina Russin who became her daughter-in-law in 1951 when she married Jimmy Shirley.

In the mid sixties Susie and Linn moved to Holmes Beach.

Susie was preceded in death by her husband Linn in 1987. She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Shirley of Pahokee, and Bob Shirey of Ft. Meade, FL and one daughter Peggy Lynn Thierry of Venice, FL. Also, many sisters, brother, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Parrish, on May 16. Graveside services were at the Parrish Cemetery.

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Tight shoulders? Sore neck? Headsets help!

(NAPS)—Here's some interesting news you may want to call home about: Telephone use on the job can contribute to the soreness and tension you feel at the end of the work day.

Even those who know better than to cradle telephone receivers on their shoulders can build up muscle tension by just using the phone.

Most people tilt their head somewhat, even when holding the phone normally, and experts say it's enough of an imbalance to create stress in the neck/upper back area.

The solution for many may be to put down that telephone—for good.

Instead of a conventional telephone handset, an alternative far kinder to the back and shoulder muscles is the telephone headset.

These comfortable devices slip over the head or around the ear. They include an earpiece for listening and a tiny microphone for talking into.

A headset makes it possible to talk on the phone with your head in its natural, stress-free position. Since both hands are free, you can do things like take notes or

type on the computer while talking, without burdening your shoulder or neck muscles.

Leading headset manufacturer, Plantronics, Inc., even makes wireless headset models like the CT-901 Hands-free Cordless Telephone which gives added flexibility, allowing you to stand-up, stretch or walk around your office.

Results from a medical study conducted at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California, revealed just how effective headsets are at reducing muscle tension.

In the course of the three-month study, 38 women and 29 men, ranging from 20 to 63 years old, were tested using sophisticated surface electromyography (EMG) equipment. The tests evaluated the various levels of tension resulting from tasks such as reading, writing, and typing while talking on the phone.

When they typed using a headset, their muscle tension was 31.4 percent lower than when they used a conventional handset.

When writing by hand, their tension was 36.5 percent less with the headsets.

Reading showed the biggest difference between headsets and handsets. While reading on a headset, the study participants experienced 41 percent less tension compared to those using the handset.

Headsets also have been shown to increase productivity, which indirectly may also help reduce the tension people feel at the end of the day. When people aren't forced to "drop everything" to answer the phone, they can get more done. One study, conducted by H.B. Maynard, showed productivity improvements as high as 43 percent for some workers. Accomplishing that much more in a day can be a big stress reliever in and of itself.

Telephone headsets range in price and come in a variety of shapes and sizes. The sound quality is excellent, meeting or exceeding that of most conventional hand-held telephones.

For more information about these headsets, visit the web site of Plantronics, the world's leading producer of telephone headsets, at www.plantronics.com. Or call the company at 1-800-544-4660.

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Early diagnosis and advanced treatment for prostate enlargement important

(NAPS)—More than half of all men over the age of 60 get up in the middle of the night, attempt to go to the bathroom but find no relief. For many, this will be repeated three, four, even five times a night. In fact, many with this problem may avoid long trips, exercise or situations where a bathroom may not be close at hand. Instead of seeing a doctor, they compensate and make compromises that keep them from living a full life.

The cause of these irritations might be Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland—one of the most common problems for men over the age of 60.

Left untreated, the condition can result in serious health problems but because men may think treatment may impact their sexual function, they feel embarrassed to discuss the problem with their doctor. And

they may not know that early detection can lead to early symptom relief.

A new brochure, entitled Prostate Enlargement—What Every Man Should Know, available free from Indigo Medical, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company, outlines the symptoms of enlarged prostate, diagnosis and available treatments for this condition and emphasizes early detection through regular prostate exams as part of an annual health check-up. Treatments range from surgery and drug therapy to laser therapy, the most recent advance in treatment for enlarged prostates.

For a free copy of Prostate Enlargement—What Every Man Should Know, call 1-888-877-7878. Because if you are a man over 50—or know someone who is—the more you know about prostate health, the healthier you'll be.

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Community Foundation awards scholarships totaling \$22,150 to eight area students

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has awarded scholarships totaling \$22,150 to eight graduating high school seniors from Central and Western Palm Beach County.

The scholarships were among \$176,200 presented to 47 students in palm Beach and Martin Counties - representing both a record amount and the largest number of awards made in one year during the Community Foundation's 25-year history. In 1997, scholarships totaling \$95,300 were given to 28 students.

"The growth in our scholarship program is a direct result of a number of major gifts received from generous contributors during the past year," explains Shannon Sadler, president of the Community Foundation. "We are grateful to each of them for demonstrating their commitment to the future by establishing endowed scholarships with the Community Foundation," she says.

The awards were presented during the May 13 Pathfinder Scholarship Awards ceremony by Freddie Stebbins Jefferson, a member of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Listed are local Western Palm Beach County scholarship recipients:

Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County Minority Student Scholarship - Latoya Daniels of Belle Glade, Glades Central High School, \$1,500.

Anonymous Donor Scholarships - Victor Rodriguez of Canal Point, Pahokee Senior/Middle High School, \$2,600 over two years. He also received Walter and Adi Blum



Recipients of scholarships from The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties include: top row (l to r) - Melissa Fox, Erin Martin, Jennifer Fallon; bottom row (l to r) - Antoinette Backhus, Latoya Daniels, Varaluck Chandhasin, Marjorie Jean. Not pictured Victor Rodriguez.

Scholarships

Applications for the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin

Counties' 1998-99 scholarship program will be available in the fall from guidance counselors at all public and private high schools

within Palm Beach and Martin counties. The application deadline is March 1, 1999.

The Community Foundation administers more than 50 individual scholarships from funds created by contributors throughout palm Beach and Martin Counties. Some are open to all students, while others require attendance at a particular high school. Many are awarded to students who have interests in a variety of areas or intend to pursue particular fields of study. Students planning to attend two or four year colleges or universities as well as vocational or technical schools may apply.

Students and their families can find more information about these scholarships as well as dozens of others available locally in the Community Foundation's Scholarship Directory. Copies are available locally in the Community Foundation's Scholarship Directory. Copies are available in the guidance offices of all local high schools. The publication is underwritten by the Briggs-Trimble Family Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation.

Individual copies can be purchased for \$12 (including postage and handling). To order a Scholarship Directory, call the Community Foundation at (561) 659-6800 in Palm Beach County or toll-free at 1-888-853-GIFT (4438).

More information about the Foundation is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cfpbm.org>. Students can request an application by calling or writing to the Community Foundation or sending their name and address via e-mail to cfpbm@aol.com.



SUNPHOTO by Jennie M. Sears

The Shepherd School held its first graduation on Tuesday, May 26. Four students in Rebecca Morris's Kindergarten class graduated to first grade. At the graduation these students were quizzed on their math and reading skills so that family and friends would be able to see the children's progress throughout the year. They performed skits about the Bible and one of the graduating students, Natasha Colón, read a book to the audience. When Natasha arrived at The Shepherd School six months ago she did not know how to speak English. In a few months she picked up the language and now speaks English fluently.

Pictured: The Shepherd School's "Class of 1998" (L to R) - Mitchell Broom, RaionShane, Becky Christmas and Natasha Colón.



These little Gators get their gowns fitted just before graduation begins. Glades Day Kindergarten Gators' graduation candidates were Mirasha Na'Kenge Brown, Brandon Christopher Cunningham, Sonia Nitin Dhila, Nicholas Heath Donahue, Veronica Gabrielle Goggans, Jordan Alexandra Hawkins, Alicia Renee Johnson, Clinton Lyle Johnson, Jonathan Buchanan Jones, Hunter McClain Lamoureux, Jimmy Harold Lashley III, Dawn Renee McKinstry, Chelsea Jordan McNeill, Eric Scott Meredith, Matthew Craig Peaden, Jr., Jose Luis Pozo, Jr., Garrett Kyle Robinson, Alex L. Rodriguez, John Bryce Stevens, Alyssa Ann Sullivan, Jeff Duffi Therriessaint, Chelsie Leigh Underwood



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Pictured: (l to r) Sally Small presented the Principal's Award to Shirley Maxson for all her hard work and dedication at the West Technical Education Center Awards Breakfast, May 14. The Awards Breakfast was held in honor of all those who worked so hard throughout the year and dedicated their time to their work.



Raiders Honorarian



Latoya M. Daniels, is the Glades Central Class of 1998 Honorarian. She has achieved this title by working hard and dedicated herself to her work.

Latoya is the president of National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America Club and Miss Class of 1998. In the fall, Latoya anticipates attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Florida A&M University) to major in business.

She has received many scholarships to help her achieve her educational goals. These include: South Florida Fair Scholarship, FAMU Alumni Association of P.B. County, The Church of Bethesda by the Sea Scholarship and the Barnett bank Scholarship for Minority Students.

Latoya is also involved in the Black History Brainbow, Yearbook Club, Softball, Volleyball, volunteers in the community and Animals Alive Club.



UF/IFAS Photo by Thomas Wright

Dan Cantilife, horticultural professor with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, bites into a juicy Florida-grown tomato. A taste test conducted as part of Cantilife's research into tomato flavor shows that Florida tomatoes taste better than imported tomatoes. Florida varieties were sweeter and contained more of the substances that control tomato aroma. Imported tomatoes, Cantilife said, often are picked too soon and fail to completely ripen.

Triangle in South Bay gets spruced up, thanks to Beautification Committee

A beautification effort was held on Saturday, May 23 in the City of South Bay. This event was sponsored by Commissioner Clarissa L. Davis, chairperson for the city's Beautification Committee, with the help of Javier Almazar, co-chairperson.

"I wish to thank everyone who participated in making this event a great success," said Ms. Davis. "Although we all worked hard on this worthwhile project, it was also a lot of fun. We had people of vari-

ous age groups with us that day, shoveling and loading wheel barrows, transporting and spreading mulch, planting and watering flowers, and cleaning up after having refreshments."

Dr. Richard Raid of the University of Florida was very instrumental in helping with the project and in recruiting the help of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, who supplied the mulch, plants and seedlings for the Beautification Project.

"Because of the community efforts, this little triangle in the Cross Roads of South Florida had a more beautiful appearance," said Ms. Davis.

Mr. Macio Golson, in addition to his personal involvement, brought a number of children from his 5th grade class at Rosenwald Elementary School, who worked willingly and joyfully.

"Mr. Almazar and I say 'thank you'. We are grateful," said Ms. Davis.



A DAY OF WORK AND FUN....Members of the South Bay Beautification Committee spent a Saturday morning cleaning up and planting flowers and shrubs at the Triangle in South Bay. Co-chairs for the event were South Bay Commissioner Clarissa Davis and Javier Almazar.



LEADING THE PROCESSION...Jennifer Pate (L) and Brooke Prescott (R) lead the procession of the graduating Class of 1998 for Glades Day School make their way to the front of the gymnasium on Friday, May 29.



GIVE ME A HUG...Anien Torrecilla prepares to hug a fellow graduate after graduation ceremonies Friday night at Glades Day School.

BBB announces new program to protect online consumers

As the electronic marketplace explodes, consumers are becoming more wary about the companies with whom they do business. The Better Business Bureau (BBB), serving Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, has announced a new program, called BBBOnLine SM, that they hope will lead to consumer confidence in a place that is widely unregulated and a haven for scam artists.

"It's not enough consumers have to deal with unscrupulous businesses in the 'real world,' but now they have to distinguish between ethical companies and not so ethical companies on the internet," said BBB President, Ron Stephens. The BBB Online program will help consumers make that distinction."

Qualified companies that commit to the high BBBOnLine program standards are authorized by the BBB to display a unique BBBOnLine seal at their web sites and in their online advertising. Consumers who spot the seal and "click to check," have the confidence of knowing that the company has provided the BBB with substantial information regarding its ownership and management, and has agreed to adhere to truthful and accurate advertising claims and to resolve, quickly and fairly, any complaints that may arise as a result of online advertising or transactions."

When a consumer locates an online advertiser displaying the BBBOnLine seal, he/she will be able to link to the BBBOnLine home page (www.bbbonline.org).

which will show the stringent standards met by the advertiser, and allow the consumer to return directly to that company's web site or to obtain a BBB reliability report on the company. A BBB reliability report describes a company's management and time in business, relevant aspects of its goods and services and complaint experience.

The BBB reliability report will then link back to the company's web site, if the consumer chooses, or allow intermediate movement to the BBB's home page (www.bbbonline.org) to find other valuable consumer information.

The BBBOnLine project has won accolades from regulators, who applaud the

Better Business Bureau and founding sponsors, such as AT&T, Sony and Netscape, on their efforts to have voluntary self-regulation work in Internet commerce.

"The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) encourages responsible, effective self-regulation by the business community, particularly in the area of online commerce. The Better Business Bureau system, which has noteworthy experience operating successful self-regulation programs for the advertising industry, has the trust of both consumers and the business community that will be crucial in helping to establish an ethical online marketplace," said FTC Commissioner Christine Varney.

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- In Brief -

Stand For Children Day' celebration, June 6

The third annual Stand For Children Day celebration will be held Saturday, June 6, at Pioneer Park, State Road 715, Belle Glade. This is a community-sponsored event. The entire communities from the north, south, east and west areas of western Palm Beach County are invited.

Everything is FREE! Activities will begin at 9 a.m. The day will offer food & drinks, basketball, football, softball, volleyball, creative dance, forums, oratorical presentations, table games, step shows, tennis, soccer, horse shoes, and live entertainment. A Gospel Sing-A-Rama at Pioneer Park Field, 6:30 p.m., will climax the day's activities.

1998 "Slammer" Series Dolphin Fishing Tournament, June 6, June 27, July 25

Three (3) Dolphin fishing tournaments will be held June 6 in Fort Pierce, June 27 in Port Canaveral, and July 25 in Sebastian to benefit Angel Flight Southeast, a non-profit organization that arranges free air transportation for those with medical or compelling human needs.

Tournament #1: Saturday, June 6, Ft. Pierce inlet. Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, June 5 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dockside Inn, Seaway Dr., Ft. Pierce. For more information, contact the Dockside Inn (561) 461-4824 or Grand Slam Fishing Center (561) 465-6775.

Tournament #2: Saturday, June 27, Port Canaveral. Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, June 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lloyds, upper deck, Port Canaveral. For more information, contact Sunrise Marine (407) 783-9535 or Captain Jacks (407) 783-3694.

Tournament #3: Saturday, July 25, Sebastian Inlet. Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, July 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Captain Hiram's, upper deck, Sebastian. For more information, contact Capt. Hiram's (407) 589-4345 or E&B Marine (407) 723-1878.

Lou-cost Tennis programs offered, June 15

The City of West Palm Beach Department of Recreation is offering low cost tennis programs this summer beginning June 15, for boys and girls ages 6-16.

The Department is currently looking for persons interested in volunteering part-time as tennis instructors. Instruction will be offered at a beginning to intermediate level at various sites throughout the city.

Interested persons ages 16+ may call (561) 835-7025 for further details.

Volunteer Soccer Coaches sought

The City of West Palm Beach Department of Recreation is currently accepting applications for volunteer soccer coaches, ages 18 and over.

Coaches will be needed for the instructional program for four year olds and league play for 5-7, 8-9 and 10-12 year olds. Qualifications include a basic knowledge of soccer rules and a desire to work with children.

Training will be available to all coaches prior to the start of the leagues. Practices will begin in early September, followed immediately after with league play.

Those interested should call (561) 835-7025.

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Free Fishing Days cap National Fishing Week, June 6-7

The Game and Fresh Water Commission (GFC) has designated June 6 and 7 as Free Fishing Weekend in Florida. The free fishing weekend highlights National Fishing Week May 30-June 7.

During the free fishing period, anyone, including non-residents, can sport-fish in any public freshwater lake or river in Florida without a fishing license.

The free fishing weekend

provides anglers an opportunity to experience Florida's extraordinary fisheries." Ed Moyer, director of the GFC's Division of Fisheries, said. "It also can serve as a reminder to those who haven't been fishing in a while that it is a healthy, fun, outdoor experience."

Gov. Lawton Chiles urged Floridians to participate in the free fishing weekend in a

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'Florida's Black Crappie Hot Spots'

Herb Allen, Freelance Writer

Fisheries biologists at the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) recently put their heads together to select what they think are Florida's Top-10 black crappie lakes.

Talk about tough jobs!

The Sunshine State has 10,000 named and unnamed lakes and rivers, most of which have crappie populations ranging from "so-so" all the way to "gee whiz."

And, the spots they selected this year may be bumped in the near future as numerous lakes throughout Florida are currently undergoing intense management, rehabilitation and restoration projects designed to improve habitat for all species of freshwater fish, including the popular crappie.

Known by more than 60 aliases, including speckled perch, calico bass, strawberry bass, pomerough, bachelor and just plain speck, the black crappie is a popular target amongst residents and winter visitors to Florida who are often observed from December through March or early April lining rivers and lakes - in boats, on banks and from piers - filling stringers or ice chests with fish weighing anywhere from one-half to two pounds each.

That "specks" are considered excellent table fare is just an added bonus to the fun and excitement savored by both kids and adults during these leisurely aqua outings.

In no particular order or ranking, the Top-10 Florida lakes or lake systems are listed, along with a biologist's name and telephone number for additional information, you can also check the Division of Fisheries' Web Site for more (<http://www.state.fl.us/gfc/fishing/>):

LAKE TALQUIN

Jeff Nordhaus or Rich

Cailloux, (904) 627-9674

Bear Curry set the state record for crappie here in January, 1992, with an estimated 8-year-old female weighing an impressive 3 pounds, 13-1/4 ounces.

Located west of Tallahassee, Lake Talquin, an 8,800-acre reservoir, benefits from periodic drawdowns. Premier speck months are from February through April around the mouths of various feeder creeks including Little River, Polk, Harvey, Hammock and Oklawaha. Hal-Flies or Missouri minnows are considered the best baits. A 10-inch minimum size limit is in effect. Anglers are advised to use caution on Lake Talquin because of submerged stumps and standing timber. They can launch at several area fish camps including Hopkins Landing at Pat Thomas Park, Gainer's Talquin Lodge, Idlewild Fishing Lodge, Ingram's Marina and Wip-poor-will Landing, all located off State Road 267, south of Quincy.

KISSIMMEE CHAIN

Jim Sweetman, (407) 846-5300

Lakes Kissimmee and Tohopekaliga (Toho) have long been considered leading central Florida speckled perch sites, with a season that begins earlier than in most places.

Lake Kissimmee, with its 34,948 acres, recently underwent a

drawdown and is proving to be a bonanza for speck fishermen who will cash in on spawns through February and early March in such cover as bulrush, cattails, lily pads and Kissimmee grass.

Lake Toho, another shallow body of water in the Chain, has 18,810 acres and produces outstanding crappie hauls in the same type of cover during the same months. The Hal-Fly and Missouri minnows are considered top baits, although many have success using tiny jigs.

There are numerous fish camps and launching ramps located around both lakes.

LAKE MARIAN

Mikel Huloh, (407) 846-5300

Situated east of Haines City, this shallow 5,739-acre lake is noted for its one-pound plus bluegills and shellcrackers! It is also a popular locale for speckled perch seekers in open water during warmer months and in the bulrushes/cattails/lily pads when water temperatures dip.

Here, too, Hal-Flies and Missouri minnows are the prevailing bait choices for those using cane poles or light spinning outfits.

Although speck activity takes place here throughout the year, December through February are considered prime months when the fish are bedding. Anglers can launch Lake Marian Paradise.

TENOROC FISH MANAGEMENT AREA

Wes Fish or Damon Moxley, (941) 499-2421

There are many phosphate pit lakes at Tenoroc, located in Lakeland just off the Tenoroc Mine Road, that generate quality speckled perch action.

Subjects covered include basic boat types, legal requirements, safety equipment, navigation "rules of the road", getting underway, boating accidents and trailering.

"The class is also excellent for adults who either want to take it with their children or just to gain boating safety knowledge," he said. "Those who complete the course also qualify for discounts on boat insurance."

5,000 specks in just three months and lakes 3, 4 and 5, ranging in size from 43 to 228 acres, are highly favored by speck baits.

Jigs, such as Cote's 1/8th-ounce model, Beetlespins, Hal-Flies and Missouri minnows are choices for those who fish the points and around bushes for fish that bed near shore in 8 to 10 feet of water while trolling with an electric motor or dibbling with a cane pole near vegetation.

Currently, the daily speckled perch bag limit at Tenoroc is 10 fish per person, in addition to a minimum size limit of 10 inches.

Those wanting Missouri minnows can purchase them prior to entering Tenoroc at Counter Bait & Tackle off Kathleen Road or at Phillip's Bait & Tackle in Saddleback Park.

LAKE ISTOKPOGA

Tom Champeau, (941) 648-3202

Situated just southeast of Sebring, 27,000-acre Lake Istokpoga is hot through March and early April.

Having one of the state's highest crappie catch ratios at 2.63 per hour, these fish average between 10 and 12 inches in length.

Those who slow troll or drift small jigs, Hal-Flies or

See HOT SPOTS3

T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD



(SUNPHOTO compliments of Kathy Johnson)

T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY wraps up T-Ball season May 26. Pictured above are the T-Ball teams who participated in this year's events. The season started March 9 and continued until May 20. An awards ceremony held May 26, 6 p.m., at Airport Park honored the athletes. FREE pizza was given, compliments of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, to all T-Ball players in uniform. Pictured above are members of each T-Ball team. (Names were unavailable by press time.)

NASCAR

This Week

On TV

All Times Eastern

- Proto Auto Parts 400 9 p.m. Friday • TNN
- Winston Cup, Pontiac 400 7:30 p.m. Saturday • ESPN
- CART, Detroit Grand Prix 2:30 p.m. • Sunday • ABC

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 1,719	1. M. Martin, 1,659	1. Jack Sprague, 1,150
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,718	2. Matt Kenseth, 1,737	2. Ron Hornaday, 1,132
3. Rusty Wallace, 1,673	3. D. Earnhardt Jr., 1,691	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,028
4. Mark Martin, 1,655	4. Buckshot Jones, 1,556	4. Jay Sauter, 1,003
5. Dale Jarrett, 1,598	5. Darrell Waltrip, 1,508	5. Tracy Compton, 964
6. Terry Labonte, 1,595	6. Dick Trickle, 1,524	6. Mike Skinner, 912
7. Bobby Labonte, 1,504	7. Jason Keller, 1,501	7. Bryan Reffner, 893
8. Jeff Burton, 1,427	8. Tim Fedewa, 874	8. Randy Tolstma, 874
9. Ken Schrader, 1,410	9. Harris Sadler, 1,489	9. Rick Carelli, 843
10. Jimmie Splicers, 1,409	10. Elliott Sadler, 1,484	10. Rick Crawford, 823

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Dale Jarrett used superior fuel economy to win his second race of the season, 17th of his career and first at Dover Downs with a victory in the MBNA Platinum 400.

Jeff Gordon dominated the race, leading 376 laps, but had to pit for fuel with only nine laps to go. Jarrett's Ford led only the final eight circuits.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. picked up his second victory in the Busch Grand National with a relatively effortless victory in the MBNA Platinum 200 at Dover Downs. Earnhardt was able to over-

come an early mistake when he entered the pits too rapidly and spun at the entrance. The second-generation driver is now third in the point standings.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Joe Ruttman picked up a controversial victory at Watkins Glen, N.Y., when Ron Hornaday was penalized for jumping the gun on a restart.

Ruttman has won at all three of the series' road courses: Watkins Glen, Heartland Park (Kan.) and Sears Point (Calif.).

Thanks to Ruttman, Ford took a 4-3 lead over Chevrolet in race victories.

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. Jeff Gordon (1)
2. But for another gallon
3. Mark Martin (2)
- Faded late
4. Dale Jarrett (5)
- Played his cards right
4. Jeremy Mayfield (6)
- Kid hangs in there
5. Rusty Wallace (3)
- Won his 2nd pole
6. Bobby Labonte (4)
- Good, solid 4th
7. Jeff Burton (8)
- 37th to 2nd
8. Terry Labonte (7)
- Made the most of it
9. Ernie Irvan (Unranked)
- Signs of life
10. Dale Earnhardt (9)
- Another bad week

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Irvan	J. Jarrett
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Hamilton
June 28	Sav-Mag 500, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lub 300, Ligonier, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Penney's 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway Ind.	Rudd	Inan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 7	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Jarrett	Elliott
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Martin	Martin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Burton	W. Burton

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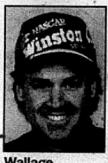
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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES
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EXCITEMENT 400

Wallace

WHERE: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway
WHEN: Saturday, June 6
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Rusty Wallace
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 124.757 mph, March 3, 1995.

RACE RECORD:

Rusty Wallace, Ford, 108.499 mph, March 2, 1997.

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Wallace and Darrell Waltrip are the active leaders in Richmond victories with six

ALMOST HOME COOKING

The Tobacco Company, in the middle of downtown, is a popular gathering place of the Richmond power elite, which means the food is outstanding, atmosphere comfortable and prices expensive. Traditionally the NASCAR power hitters gather there on race weekends.

each. ... Dale Earnhardt has won five times. ... Terry Labonte, Dave Marcis and Ernie Irvan are the only other multiple winners, each with two.

NOTABLE: This is the first summertime running of a Richmond race in many years. ... Because of the warmer weather, both of the .75-mile track's 300-milers will be run at night.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL
COMING UP: HARDEE'S 500
WHERE: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway

WHEN: Friday, June 5
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mark Martin
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Michael Waltrip, Ford, 122.227 mph, Sept. 6, 1997.

RACE RECORD: Kenny Wallace, Ford, 104.928 mph, Sept. 8, 1995.

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Martin leads all active drivers with four victories. ... Dale Jarrett, Joe Nemechek, Robert Pressley, Waltrip and Jeff Purvis are among those with single victories.

NOTABLE: Ford has won twice as many BGN events as Chevy (8-4) on this track. In fact, Pontiac (6), Buick (5) and Oldsmobile (5) have captured more events here than Chevy.

YOUR TURN
Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I'm a Dale Earnhardt fan, and I want to become a NASCAR driver. Who do I write to about getting a NASCAR license?

I want Dale Earnhardt to win some races in 1998. And win his eighth championship this year. And run all over Rusty Wallace, Joyce Walker, Blackstock, S.C.

Dear Joyce,
You may write NASCAR at P.O. Box 2875, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32120-2875, or join the governing body through one of its member tracks, such as Greenville-Pickens Speedway or Hickory Motor Speedway, both located not far from you.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Why did Bobby and Terry Labonte run in the Gatorade Twin 125 qualifying races (at Daytona), when they were already "locked in" for starting positions in the 500?

Tom Minton
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Tom,
The front-row qualifiers are required to start the Twin 125's as a precondition of earning a spot in the 500. How they perform there is up to them. Some drivers use the 125 as a test session for the 500; others pull into the garage shortly after the start to lessen the risk of a crash.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28045

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Frank Stoddard and the work of the Exide Batteries crew enabled driver Jeff Burton to drive through the field at Dover from a 37th-place start to a second-place finish in the MBNA Platinum 400.

Fan Tips

Richmond International Raceway deserves credit for actively working within the community to hold prices down for race fans. The hotel/motel rates in the Richmond area are kept under control more than at any other NASCAR venue. For several years, the track has offered fans assistance at securing quality lodging at affordable rates.

TRIVIA

1. What Craftsman Truck Series driver is from Milwaukee, Ore.?
2. What Winston Cup driver lists Rockbridge Baths, Va., as his hometown?
3. Who was the last rookie to win a Winston Cup race?

3. TONY'S
2. HARRY'S
1. ERIN'S
SHAWNS

Who's Hot, Who's Not

WHO'S HOT?

Another top five

for Jeremy Mayfield,

who continues to hang

around near the top of the

season standings.

WHO'S NOT?

Dick Trickle has finished

outside the top 20 six races

in a row.

Irvan making adjustments with a young Pontiac team

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

DOVER, Del. — It's a crucial

time of the year for Ernie Irvan.

As uncaring as this may

seem, Irvan's near-death, and

miraculous recovery, from

injuries suffered in an August,

1994, practice crash at Michigan

Speedway, increasingly fall

into the category of distant

memories.

Irvan won a couple of races

in 1996 (New Hampshire, Rich-

mond) and one (Michigan) in

1997, but he got cannoned by his

car owner, Robert Yates, one

way. Now, with a relatively

young Pontiac team, relatively

young crew chief (Ryan Pen-

berton) and ownership that is

relatively new to the sport,

Irvan must make a move soon if

he is to remain among the lead-

ing drivers in the sport.

"I've never been one who's

worried (about) races," said Irvan. "I've been a consist-

ent winner each year. This year

I knew it was going to be

tougher just because this team

was only in its second year,

I was going to have to help

them out a lot, and they were

going to have to help me out a

lot. I knew it was going to be

tougher. There's no doubt it's

been tough. But I think, right

now, we're right on line. We're

on the pace we want to be on. If

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Irvan failed to qualify for the

Coca-Cola 600, which in itself

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Irvan rebounded strongly in

Dover qualifying with a fine

ninth-place showing.

'Florida's Black Crappie Hot Spots'

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Beetlespins in warmer months will catch both bass and specks on a 50/50 ratio, especially at the north end.

Throughout the winter months, crappie move into the bullrivers to bed in about 4-feet of water and will readily take Missouri minnows.

There are numerous launching ramps available at the lake including Henderson's Fish Camp, Mossy Cove Fishing Resort and Trails End Fishing Resort.

LOW BUSH BAY/EAGLE LAKE

Jerry Krumrich, (904) 758-0530

Low Bush Bay, located north of White Springs, is a 400-acre reclaimed phosphate pit that is divided into two parts. The northern half required a \$50 per boat fee, while the south half is open to the public free of charge.

Loaded with nutrients, its bright green water has lots of important crappie forage in the form of shade. This factor contributes to an excellent fishery. So good, in fact, that a 12-inch minimum size limit is in effect.

Eagle Lake, about three miles away, is a very fertile partially reclaimed phosphate pit measuring 200 acres.

Anglers will score here through March and, maybe, into early April using Beetlespins and Missouri minnows under overhanging brush and near cattails.

ST. JOHNS RIVER
Jay Holder or Joe Jenkins, (904) 985-7880

Stretching some 200 miles from southwest of Melbourne to its outlet on the Atlantic Ocean at Jacksonville, the St. Johns is one of the world's few rivers that flows north.

Famous for its bass fishing, the river is also home to high concentrations of speckled perch throughout its length, with the most notable sites being Lakes Jessup, Monroe and Woodruff.

Jessup is a highly eutrophic 10,011-acre "wet spot" in the St. Johns located southeast of Sanford that is surrounded by cattails with very little submerged vegetation. Very high crappie catch rates occur from December through March for anglers drifting or slow-trolling Missouri minnows or Hal-Flies.

Lake Monroe's 9,400 acres, located due north of Sanford, recently underwent a re-vegetation project by GFC staff, resulting in bulrush, eel and knotgrass plantings that improved its water quality and fish habitat. Speck activities here usually begin in October and continue through March, and a 12-inch minimum size limit is being proposed to promote quality fishing opportunities.

Due west of De Leon Springs and immediately south of Lake George, 2,220-acre Lake Woodruff has very little shoreline development and plenty of hydrilla, water lilies and eel grass serving as cover for large quantities of crappie which are particularly active from December through March.

LAKE HARRIS

Marty Hale, (352) 357-6631

Historically, Lake Harris, a 13,785-acre body of water in the Oklawaha Chain, has been highly utilized by bass, speck and bream fisherman.

Lake Harris' "speck season" usually begins in early

January and will continue through most of April.

Look for fish in the grass during the cooler months using Missouri minnows, and in open water during the late-spring and summer months with Hal-Flies and Beetlespins.

While fishing for specks here, don't be surprised if you also catch quite a few sunfish, which often frequent the same type of habitat.

This lake also has two popular fishing piers and several GFC fish attractors located within casting distance from shore. One privately owned pier and boat launching ramp is located at Hickory Point and has a \$2 per vehicle fee, while the other pier and ramp is free and can be found on Highway 27. Another free launching ramp is located near Venetian Gardens in Leesburg.

LAKE WALK-IN-WATER

Marty Mann, (941) 648-3202

On most maps this body of water is referred to as Lake Weohyakapak, its Seminole Indian name. Because its original moniker is so difficult to pronounce, most anglers today call it by its easier-to-handle translation, Lake Walk-In-Water.

Although Lake Walk-In-Water, located east of Lake Wales, receives "tons of ink" for its truly spectacular bass fishing, this 7,523-acre honey-hole is also home to some wondrous crappie activity year-round.

With an abundance of bottom vegetation and very little shoreline development, Walk-In-Water's anglers do quite well with bedding specks during the winter months with Missouri minnows.

In warmer periods, crappie are also taken in impressive numbers by those slow-trolling or drifting Beetlespins, tiny jigs behind a small cork float or bobber, Hal-Flies and, sometimes, Mepps spinners.

Boaters can launch at a public ramp located at the end of Walk-In-Water Road, or at nearby Uncle Joe's Fish Camp.

LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Don Fox, (941) 763-4666

To paraphrase English poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning: "Where do I catch thee? Let me count the places."

For starters: Okeechobee City, Buckhead Ridge, Moore Haven, Clewiston, South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, Sand Cut or Port Mayaca.

Nobody can travel anywhere around this vast, shallow 530-square-mile soup bowl-shaped levitation lake without bumping into massive numbers of speckled perch aficionados, especially from December through April when literally tons of fish will be hauled from its waters.

If a person could corner the Missouri-minnow market here for just a year, he or she would be wealthy beyond his or her wildest dreams as an army of anglers from throughout the nation descend upon Lake Okeechobee during the winter months to cash in on what may very well be the world's best speck fishing.

While crappie can be caught by drifters and slow-trollers in open waters and in the Kim Canal throughout the year, it's the cooler months that attract the multitudes.

It's often been said that if you can't catch specks at Lake Okeechobee in January through March, you'd better rush to a hospital because you've been snake-bit.

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CLEWISTON MOTOR SPORTS PARK SCHEDULE:

June
 • Race nights: June 5, 12, 19, 26.
 • Special events:
 June 5 - The Summer Nationals "Double Points Race"
 June 21 - Father's Day
 • Practice: June 3, 17.

July
 • Race nights: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

• Special events: 4th of July fireworks City of Clewiston (behind John B. Boy Auditorium) and the Baseball fields.

• Practice: July 1, 15.

August
 • Race nights: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28.
 • Special events: Aug. 8
 Car parts swap meet.
 • Practice: Aug. 5, 19.

National Fishing Week, June 6-7

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proclamation designating May 30 - June 7 "Fishing Week in Florida".

During the free fishing period all other fishing laws and regulations will remain in effect. A copy of the Florida Freshwater Sport Fishing Guide and Regulations Summary is available free from any fishing license vendor or GFC office.

In 1998, the Florida Legislature authorized the

GFC to designate two days each year as free fishing days. Since then, the GFC has set aside two days during National Fishing Week as a free fishing weekend.

For information about local fishing opportunities and activities during National Fishing Week, contact the regional office of the GFC or check out its home page on the internet at www.state.fl.us/gfc/ for up-to-date fishing regulations and information.

DAYTONA USA's Richard Petty Riding Experience' off to fast start

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Race fans visiting DAYTONA BEACH lined up in anticipation of the "ride-of-a-lifetime" Friday as Richard Petty's Ride Along Program kicked off its second season at Daytona International Speedway.

More than 170 wide-eyed participants took turns strapping into one of Petty's real-life stock cars to experience the "World Center of Racing" in an unforgettable fashion.

The \$99 Ride Along Program, which includes admission to DAYTONA USA, the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction", features three laps around Daytona's 2.5-mile tri-oval, taking the daunting 31-degree high banks at speeds of more than 110 mph.

Participants strap on a helmet for a front-seat ride with a professional instructor at the wheel.

The Richard Petty Driving Experience's Ride Along Program will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: June 5-8; June 12-15; June 18-19; July 11-13; July 16-20; July

23-27; July 30-Aug. 3; Aug. 20-24; Aug. 27-31; Sept. 4-7; Sept. 10-14; Sept. 17-21; Sept. 24-25; Oct. 10-11; (1-5 p.m. on Oct. 10); Oct. 29-Nov. 1; Nov. 11-15; (1-5 p.m. on Nov. 14). Schedule is subject to change.

DAYTONA USA, which features a variety of high-energy thrills and live shows for audiences of all ages, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours during race periods. Admission is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors 60 and over; and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

Western Auto's Parts America Speedway Tour, a 30-mile tram excursion through the Speedway's 480 acres is also available, weather and track schedule permitting.

For more information on the Richard Petty Riding Experience at DAYTONA USA, call (904) 947-6490. For ticket information on upcoming races at the Speedway, call (904) 253-7223. For information on DAYTONA USA, call (904) 947-6800 or visit <http://www.daytonausa.com>.

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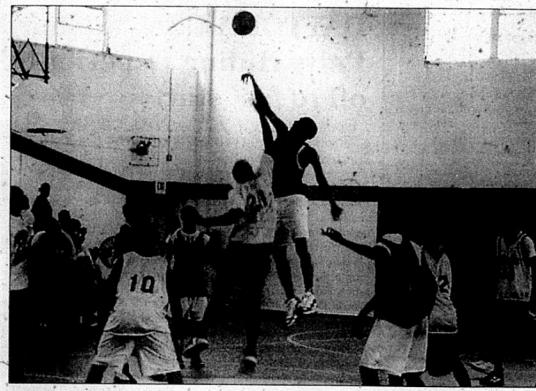
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BASKETBALL! Children from Pahokee, Belle Glade, Martin County and Hobe Sound gathered at the Pahokee Recreation Center for a day of fun, games and food. Pictured above are boys, ages 12-18, competing in a game of basketball. There were six teams playing throughout the day.

Sports Fest '98 set for June 5, 6, 7

The 3rd Annual Marco-Naples Sports Fest '98 slated for June 5, 6, 7 provides 21 sport competitions over a three day period. David Rice, former Athletic Director at Fordham University in New York is the volunteer director of this event that benefits the YMCA. Said Rice, "The '97 event was attended by over 14,000 people and the Festival provides competitions for all ages, male, female, and all levels of experience." The Sports Fest recently profiled in Sports in Florida magazine, published by the Florida Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, as a model program for Florida communities.

The sport competitions are:

ming, 25 mile in-line skate marathon, beach volleyball, 3 on 3 basketball, 3 point basketball shootout, racquetball, canoeing, 25 mile cycle race, 3 mile fitness walk, skeet shooting, pro-am pool tournament, kayaking, mile run, sailing, in-line hockey, softball, aggressive in-line skate, fishing and roller jam skate.

It's not all sports - a Celebrity Dinner features 25 sports personalities, an all day Beach Party, Kids Beach Olympics, Teen Disco and a Pancake Breakfast. The hotel Hotel is the Radisson Beach Suite Resort on Marco Island.

The Festival features lots of sports glamour with many sports personalities of present and past attending such as: Robert

Fletcher, US Karate Champion; Martin Kentos, Mr. Florida Heavyweight Body Builder; Eddie Matzger, World Record Holder Inline Skate Marathon; Don Healy, Dallas Cowboys; Dick Drago, Boston Red Sox; Sam Foggini, NBA Washington Bullets; Terry Dean, University of Florida Quarterback; Bob Bennett, World Record Holder in Swimming; Ed Chesser, World Champion Swamp Buggy Racer; David Kocourick, Miami Dolphins; Jimmy Carnes, Olympic Track Coach; Kristy Stewart, Ladies Pro Bowler; Terry Weston, National Women's Volleyball Champion and many others.

For a free brochure and registration form call 1-800-264-0825 or 941-389-8788.

T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD



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FREE PIZZA! T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY wraps up T-Ball season May 26. Above are uniformed T-Ball members enjoying the FREE pizza given to them, compliments of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. The season started March 9 and continued until May 20. An awards ceremony held May 26, 6 p.m., at Airport Park honored the athletes (Names were unavailable by press time).

Clewiston Motor Sports Park

April/May Point Standings

MINI MOD:

Barlow, Mark 2535
Frady, Larry 1397
Maddox, Rodney 1185
Jarvis, Tom 935
Hildebrand, Wayne 690
Logan, Andy 893
Byrd, Dale 625
Gifford, Duane 806
Collier, Brian 498
Crowe, Perry 537

STREET STOCK:

Griner, Steve 2049
Medinger, Steve 2003
Pearce, Jimmy 1940
Basquin, Jon 1653
Lott, Joe 1537
Wilcox, Joe 1437
Higginbotham, Kelly 1248
McCabe, Martin 869
Reynolds, Johnny 804
McNab, Kathy 720
Dunson, Steve 712
Arnold, Tim 606
Hill, Tommy 431
Allen, Tommy 344
Brown, Jessie 332
Ridgill, Shane 296
Loche, Mike 244
Wildes, Donald 194
Taylor, Mark 123
Connel, Lee 98
Hunter, John 95
Fischer, David 92
Haslam, Carl 92
Eaton, Johnny 87
Pagino, Rick 81
Harris, Steve 80
Sadowski, Mike 72

MINI STOCK:

Sutton, Paul 1696
Bradberry, James 1465
Hodges, Dean 1139
Westberry, Eric 1011
Davis, John 946
Hill, Rodney 771
Caldwell, Chris 626
Waldron 262
Zeller, Jay 135
Hirschfeld, Robert 105
Ridgill, Shane 95
Thibodeau, Dwayne 90

Clewiston Motor Sports Park is located between Clewiston and Moore Haven, one mile north of State Road 80 on U.S. 27. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., and the first race begins at 8 p.m. Kids under 12 are FREE! Hope to see you there.



3 month
calendar of
events

JUNE:	6	Wacky Bracket Series - Buy Backs
11	13	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
12	20	E.T. Bracket Race & Points
18	21	Outlaw Street Drags
19	27	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
25	28	CCS Motorcycle Road Race

JULY:	4	CLOSED for Independence Day
11	12	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
18-19	18	Outlaw Street Drags
21	22	SCCA Regional Road Race
22	23	E.T. Bracket Race & Points
29	30	CCS Motorcycle Road Race
29	30	E.T. Bracket Race & Points
25	26	Outlaw Street Drags

AUGUST:	1	Wacky Bracket Series - Mulligan - All Run
2	9	Hot Rod Sunday
8	15	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
15	16	Import Only Drag Racing and Test & Tune
16	22	NIRA Import National Drag Race
22	23	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
23	24	CCS Motorcycle Road Race
24	25	E.T. Bracket Race & Points
25	26	Outlaw Street Drags

Every Wednesday and Friday night are 1/4 mile Test & Tune (practice). Open to any licensed driver. Gates open at 6 p.m. It is only \$10 to test your car and \$8 to watch. Children under 11 are FREE. Saturday night the gates open at 5 p.m. Spectator tickets are \$10, children under 12 are \$10. For more information call (561) 622-1400.

FLORIDA MARLINS 1998 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

	OPPONENT	TIME
June 4	OFF	OFF
June 5	@New York (AL)	7:35 p.m.
June 6	@New York (AL)	1:35 p.m.
June 7	@New York (AL)	1:35 p.m.
June 8	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 9	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 10	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 11	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 12	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 13	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 14	New York (NL)	4:35 p.m.
June 15	OFF	OFF
June 16	@Atlanta	7:40 p.m.
June 17	@Atlanta	7:40 p.m.
June 18	@Atlanta	1:10 p.m.
June 19	@New York (NL)	7:40 p.m.
June 20	@New York (NL)	4:10 p.m.
June 21	@New York (NL)	1:40 p.m.
June 22	@Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 23	@Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 24	Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 25	Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.

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LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS END SEASON



GIRL'S LITTLE LEAGUE - ROTARY CLUB players from left to right are: (first row) Nadia Esqueril, Rachel McGhee, Deidra Moss, Andrea Browder, (second row) Shari Browder, Nikki Willis, Amanda Browder, Christa Stein, Carrie Gilmer, Jessica Longoria, Ranetta Clark and (third row) Cheryl Stein.



GIRL'S LITTLE LEAGUE - LIONS Club players from left to right are: (first row) Jessica Paez, Keren Rodriguez, Courtney Allen, Erin Francis, Brittny Pelham, (second row) Kirsten Duff, Ashley Baughman, Elizabeth Yance, Vanessa Roa, Jessica Figueroa, Jaimee Alvarez, Brandi Johnson, (third row) Liz Duff, Sherry Yance, Annette Francis and Sherri Paez.

West Palm native named top administrator for South Florida

Mark Robson, 44, of Lake Worth was recently appointed Everglades Regional Director for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC). The 18-year GFC veteran is a West Palm Beach native who has spent his entire career in south Florida.

Robson will assume his new job on May 15. He will be the GFC's top administrator for ten counties comprising the Everglades Region in south Florida including: Palm Beach, Dade, Broward, Monroe, Collier, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Indian River, and Hendry.

The current acting Everglades regional director is Major Jim Ries. He replaced the late Mr. Woody Darden who passed away shortly after resigning his post on February 27. He had served as regional director for three years.

Robson graduated from Forest Hill High School in West Palm Beach in 1977. After attending Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, he transferred to the University of Maine where he earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management, graduating with distinction in 1976.

He began his GFC career in November, 1977 as a wildlife

management specialist at the Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area biologist for the Big Cypress with responsibility for managing the resident wildlife populations, carrying out wildlife habitat enhancement efforts, conducting wildlife population surveys, and supervising the annual public hunts.

Robson left the GFC for two years to attend the University of Florida where he earned a master's degree in wildlife ecology with honors in 1982. His research was on the river otter.

In September, 1982, Robson returned to the GFC and became

the management area biologist at the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area located 20 miles west of West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County. This position entailed planning, budgeting, personnel supervision, an implementation of wildlife management strategies.

In December, 1985, Robson was named regional nongame wildlife biologist based at the Everglades Regional Office in West Palm Beach. As regional biologist for the nongame wildlife program, Robson conducted field studies and management of species such as bats, wading

birds, shorebirds, gopher tortoises, burrowing owls, songbirds, snakes, and endangered and threatened species.

Robson has written or co-authored a number of scientific articles for professional wildlife journals such as *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, *Florida Field Naturalist*, and *Bulletin of Marine Science*. He also authored a chapter on the red wolf, and co-authored a chapter on the short-tail hawk which were published in the *Endangered Biota of Florida* series of books.

The new GFC administrator

has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1974. This is a national association for wildlife professionals. He has also been a member of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society since 1977, serving as state chapter president from 1995 thru 1997, and southeastern representative from 1993 thru 1995.

He is the son of the late Bob Robson, and his wife, Jeanne, who owned a local gardening business in West Palm Beach for more than 20 years. Mark and his wife, Joani, live in Lake Worth.

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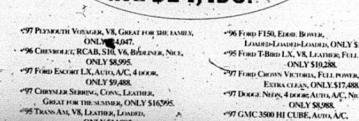


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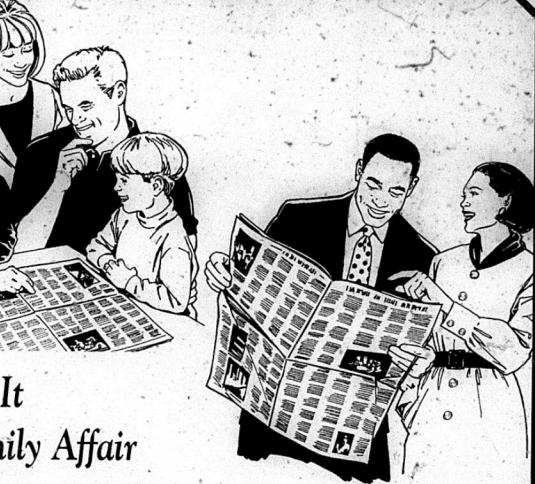
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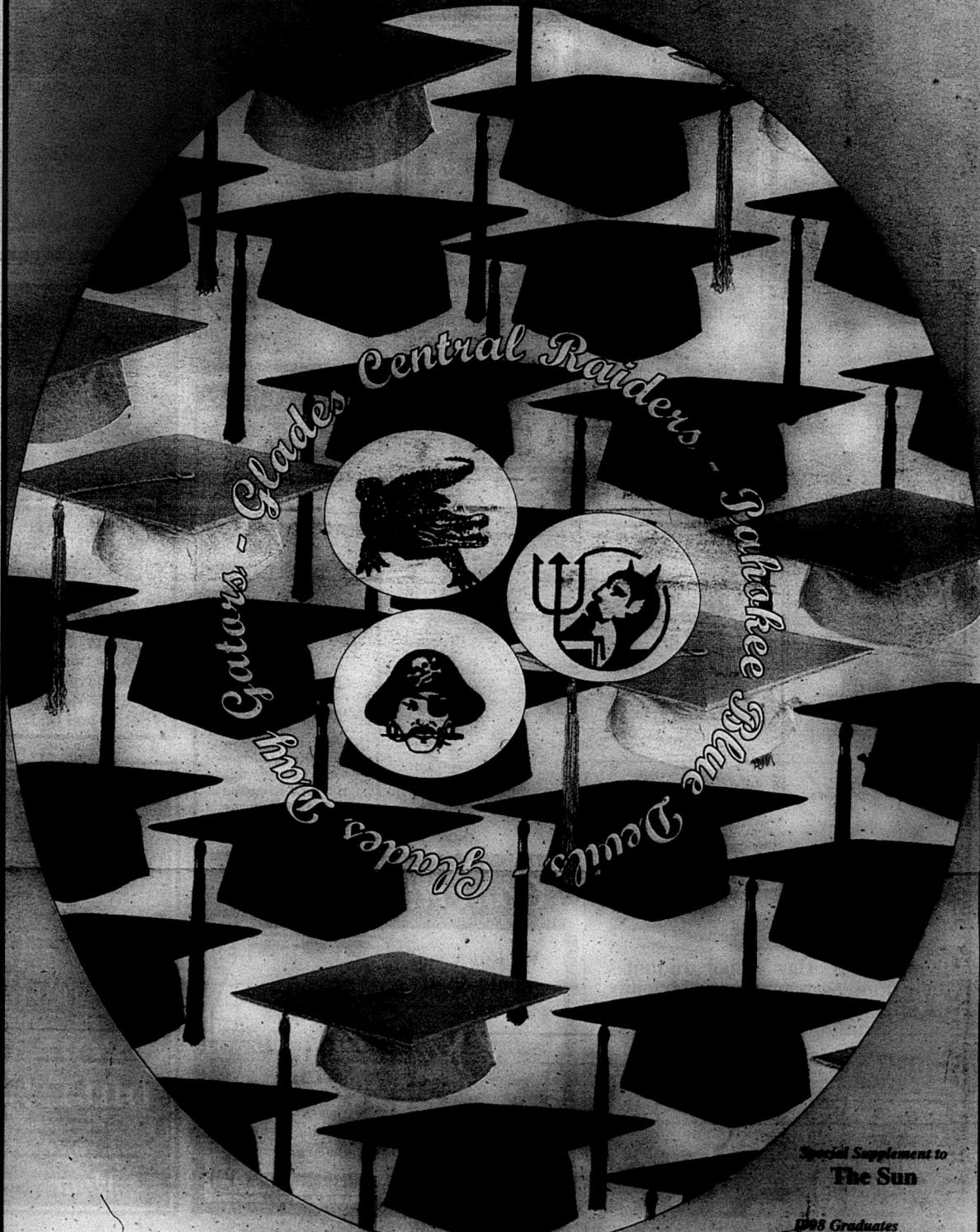
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Parker Cornell Altman, son of Thomas & Deborah Altman of Belle Glade has a 4.00 grade point average for the 1997-98 school year.

He was named a National Merit Finalist. Parker is the President of the National Honor Society and President of the Student Council.

Parker Altman is very active in his school. He is a member of the Journalism Staff and Varsity Football athlete (Co-Captain of the team). He is involved in the Students Teach Students Program helping his fellow classmates achieve academic

excellence. Among his academic skills, Parker also has an acting talent and participated in the Senior Class Play.



Valedictorian Scholarship.

In the fall Parker will be attending Princeton University and will play football.

Courtney Lake Braddock, daughter of Roscoe & Brenda Braddock of Belle Glade, has a 4.00 grade point average for the 1997-98 school year.

Courtney is a member of the National Honor Society. She is dually enrolled at Palm Beach Community College.

She is a Varsity Volleyball athlete and has received the Unsung Hero Award.

Courtney is a recipient of the Bethesda Memorial Scholarship Award, the Principal's Scholar/Citizenship Award and is the Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Nominee for Literature.

After graduation, Courtney will be attending Lee University in Tennessee. She has been chosen as the recipient of Dean's Scholarship at Lee University and a recipient of U.S. Sugar Valedictorian Scholarship.



Salutatorian

Kristina Marie Perez, daughter of Armando & Flora Perez of Wellington, has a 3.98 grade point average for the 1997-98 school year.

Kristina is a member of the National Honor Society, member of the Student Council and a member of the Yearbook Staff.

She is involved in the Students



Teach Students Program in efforts to help her peers reach academic excellence. Kristina also participated in the Senior Class Play. She was nominated as Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Nominee for Math.

After graduation, Kristina plans to attend the University of Florida to continue her education.



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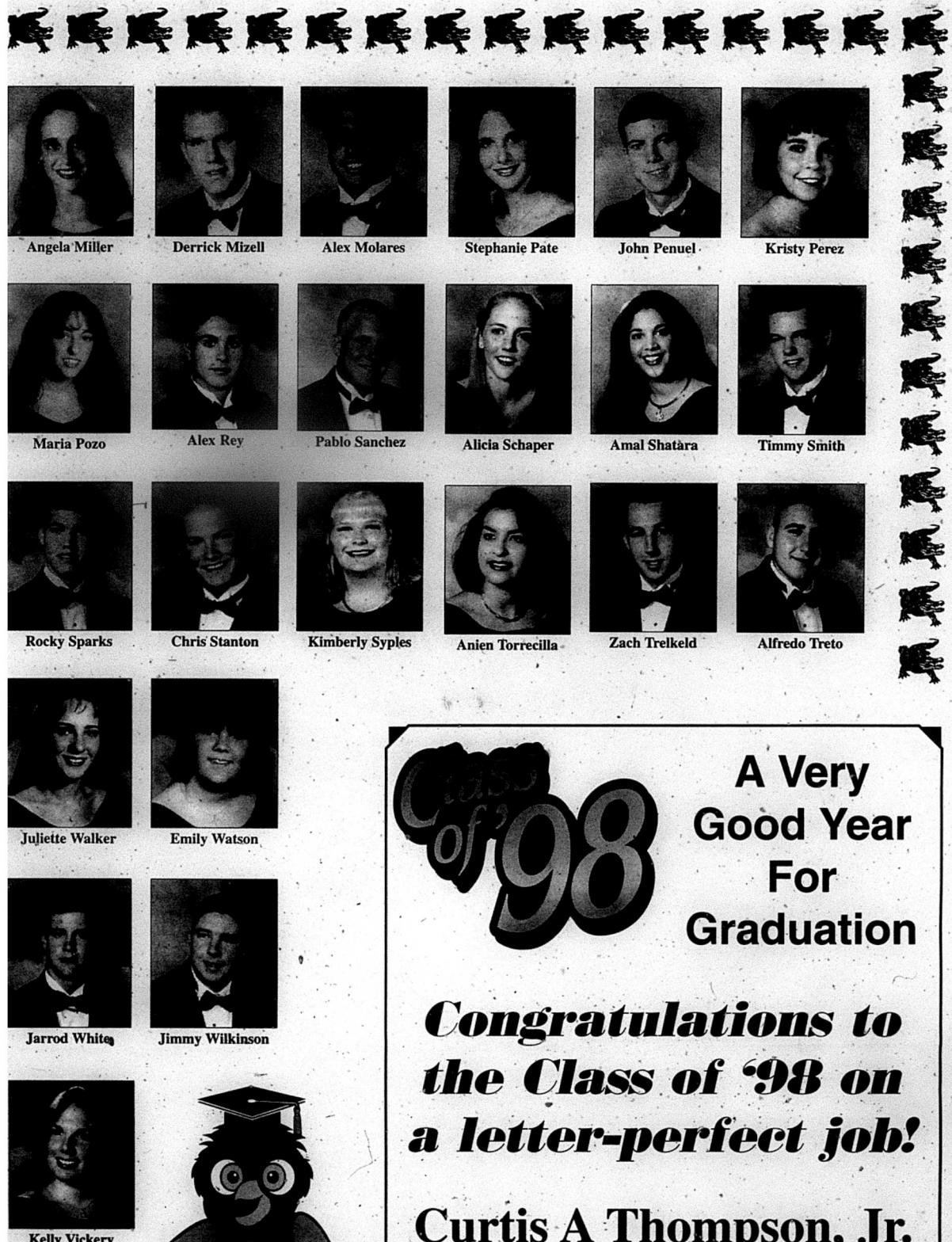
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Lindsay Bennett, of Robert and Sarah Bennett, is the valedictorian of Glades Central's Class of 1998. Lindsay plans to attend Florida Atlantic University to major in Physical Therapy and Biology. She hopes that her love of theater and sports can also be combined to help her achieve a career as a dance therapist or sports therapist. Lindsay will enter FAU as an Outstanding Freshman. She has received the Volunteer League Presidential Scholarship and the Valedictorian Scholarship for FAU as well as the Palm Beach County Council of Teachers of English, the Classroom Teachers Association, Bright Futures and US Sugar Corp scholarships.

Lindsay was the District Ten Thespian State Student Representative this past year. She also served her school as co-president of the International Thespian Society; head writer of the yearbook, the Shield; editor of the literary magazine; member of the National Honor Society; secretary of Animals Alive; member of SouthEastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering, and winner of the SECME, Inc. essay contest.

Lindsay was nominated as the Pathfinder Literature entry for Glades Central based on the ACT scores, her writing ability and her passing of the Advanced Placement test for Literature.

A quest for Lindsay's has been to become involved in community awareness programs. She has written and produced, through grants awarded by the Safe Schools, two shows. Last year's production was to teach students at Glades Central about Anti-Gun Violence. This year, she produced a show concerning Anti-



Domestic Violence. She has also participated in Glades Central programs presented for the AIDS council. This year she helped with a presentation to the Glades Central Faculty about breast cancer. She collected money which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

Lindsay says a philosophy of life which she has chosen says, "no other road, no other way, no day but today." She says she is aiming high to achieve all that she can be and will not let anything stop her.

Salutatorian

Lloren Patrice Dowdell, daughter of Albert and Marjorie Dowdell of Belle Glade, is Glades Central Community High School's Valedictorian for 1998.

Lloren has been in the top 5% of her class since beginning school. She was inducted as a member of the McKnight Achievers in 1994.

She has been awarded honors certificates in Algebra, Biology, Drama and Anatomy/Physiology and was named Who's Who Among American High School Students three consecutive years.

She is now president of the senior class, member of the student council, and a member of the National Honor Society since 10th grade. Lloren was also a member of Glades Central's County and Regional Champion

Black History Brain Bowl Team. She also received first place in the Elks Club Americanism Essay contest in 1997.

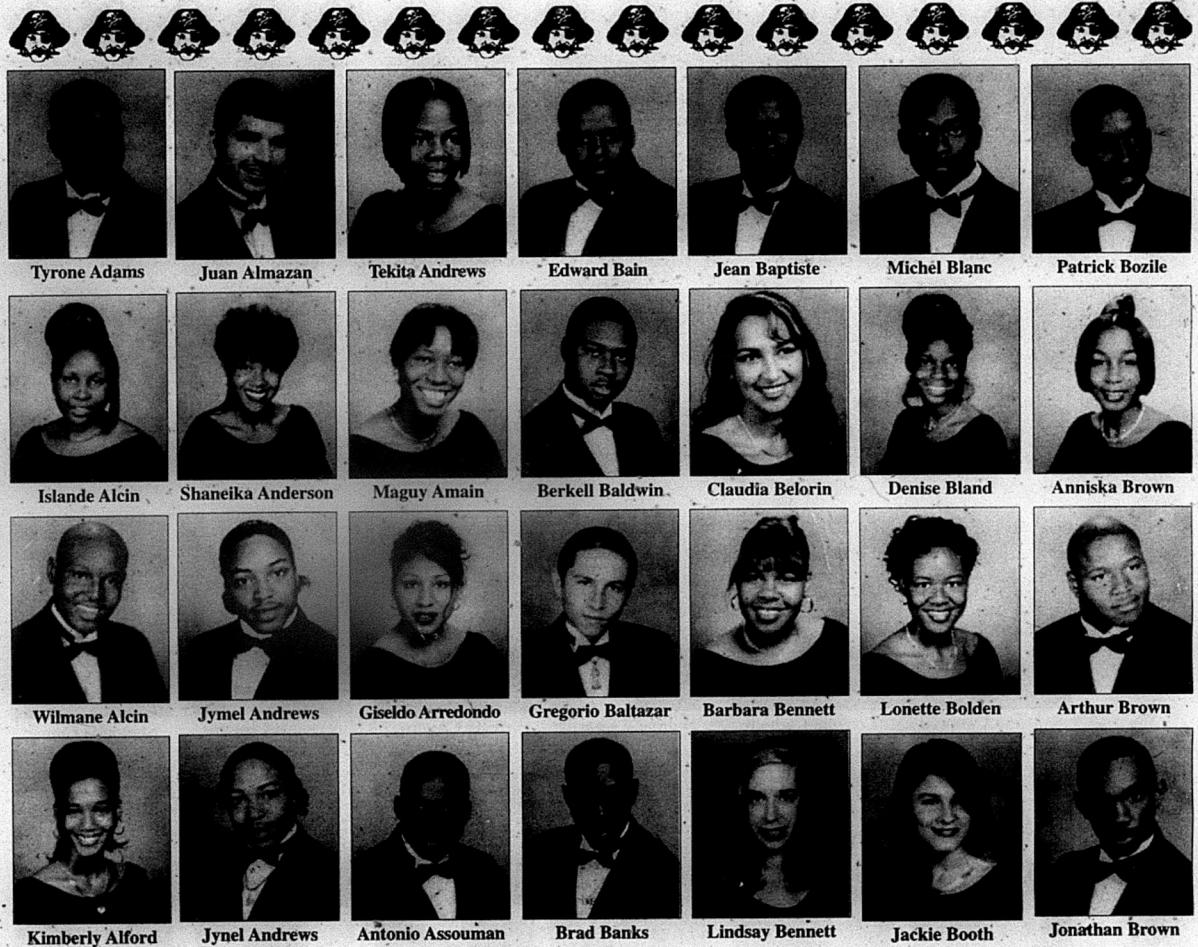
Lloren is civic minded and has volunteered more than 800 hours of her time to help the mentally retarded citizens in one of the local group homes. She also volunteers at the Children's Clinic and assisted in the National Honor Society's blood drive.

In 1997, Lloren attended the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. She was also a Pathfinder Nominee for Academic Excellence. She graduated from the County Youth Leadership Program in 1997.

Lloren has been accepted to the University of Florida pre-medical program where she plans to work toward a career as a pediatrician.



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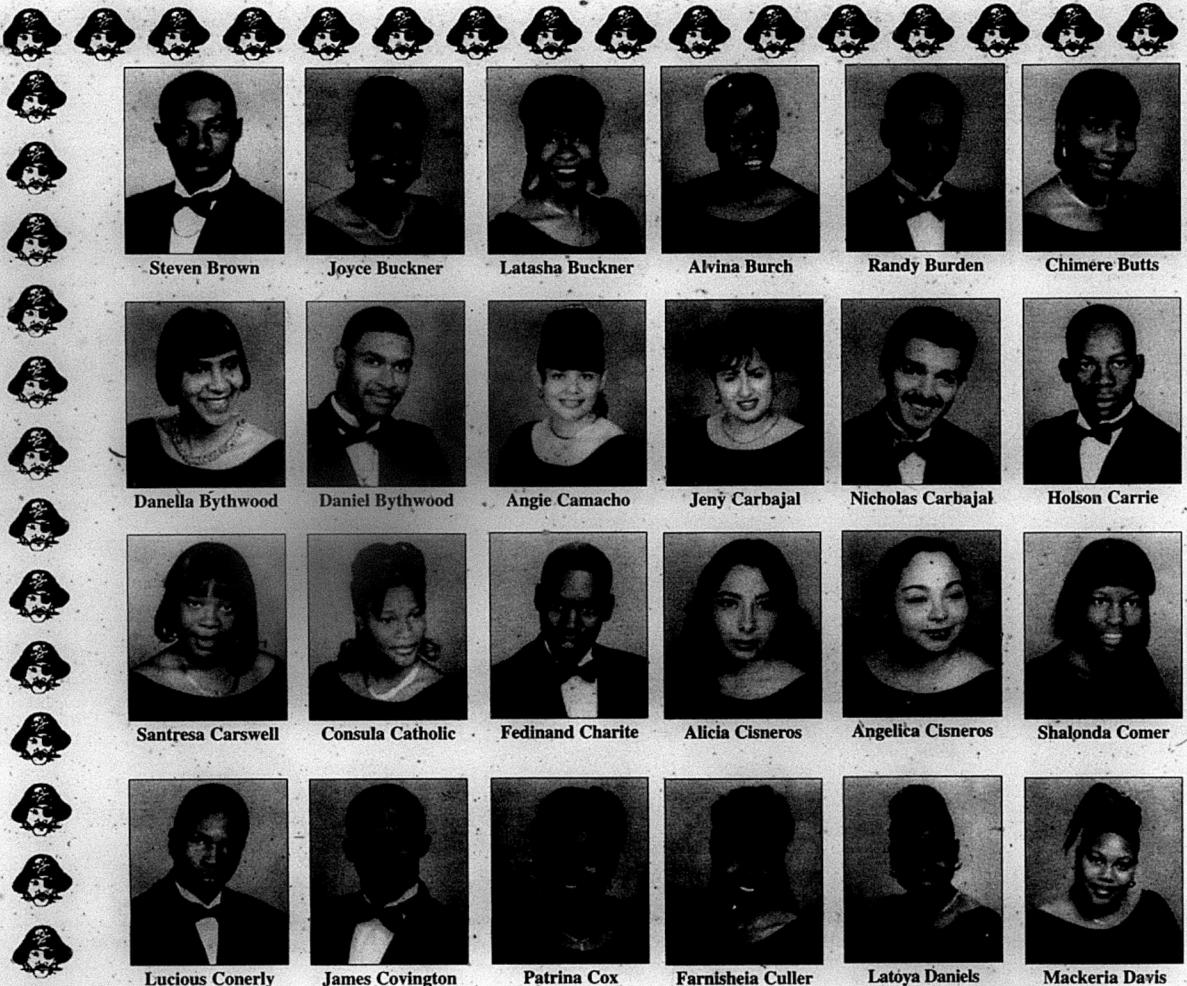
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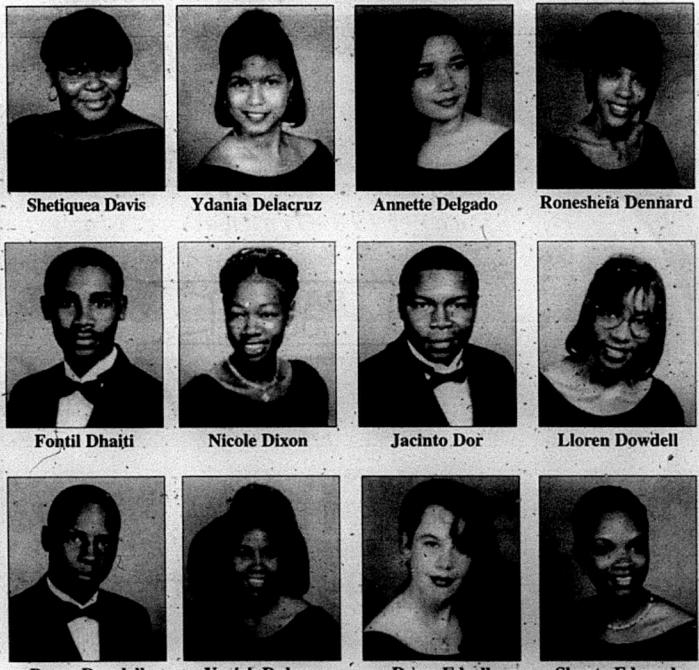


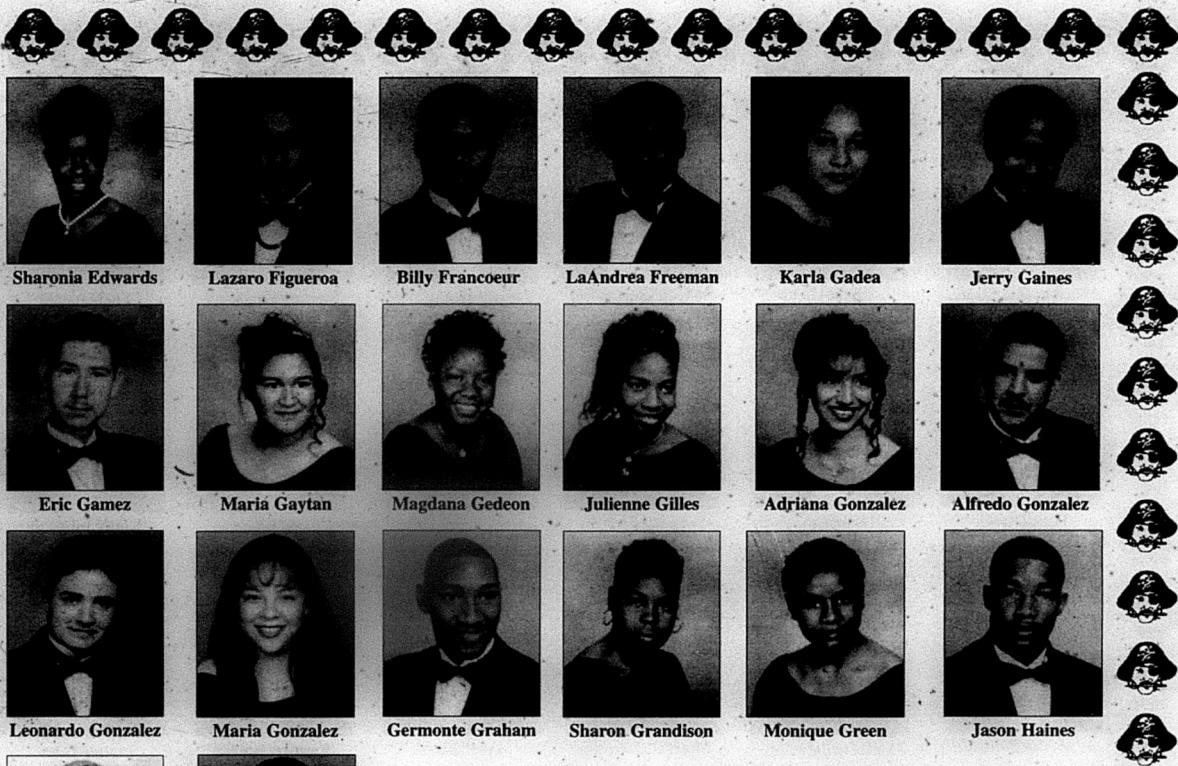
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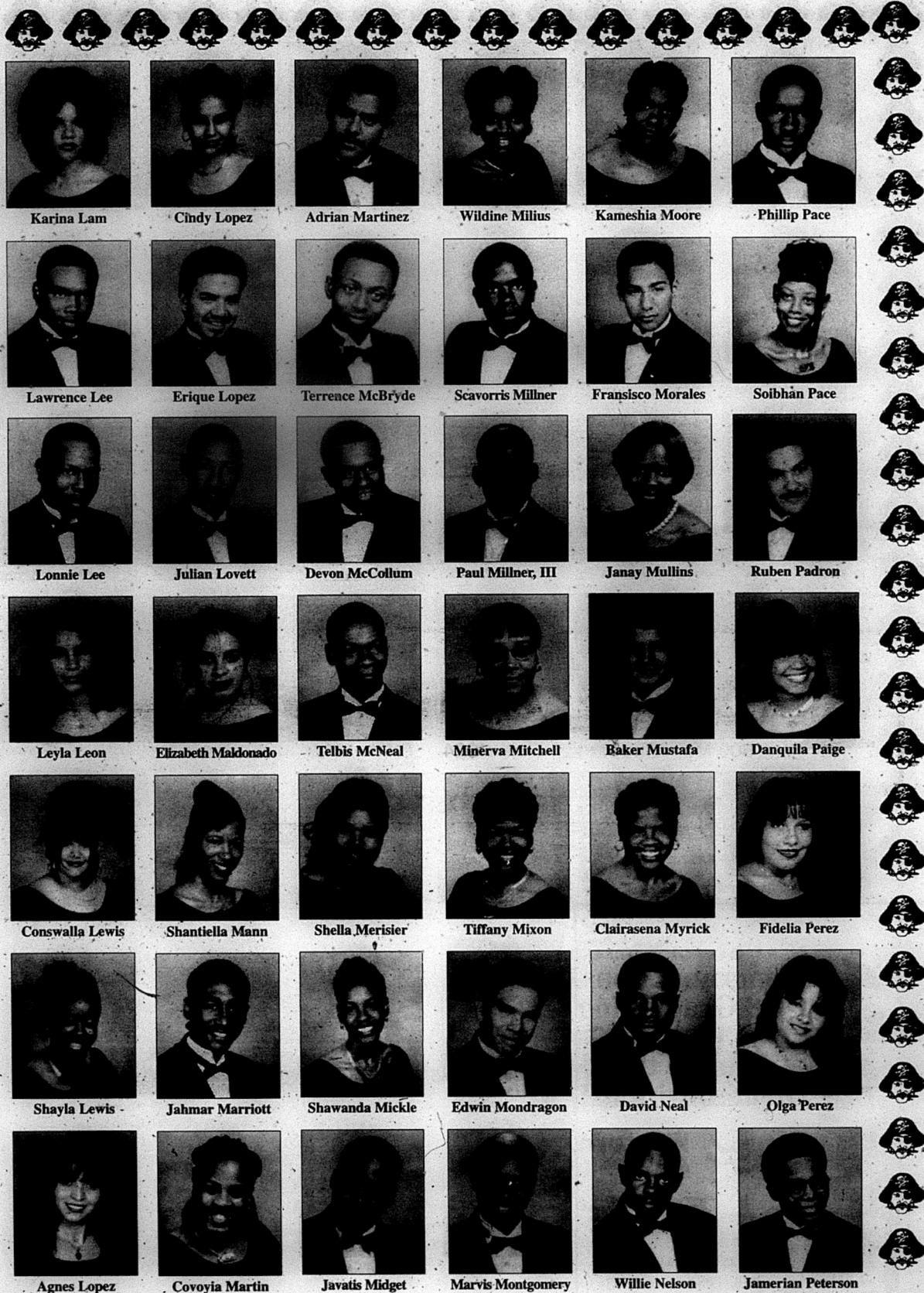
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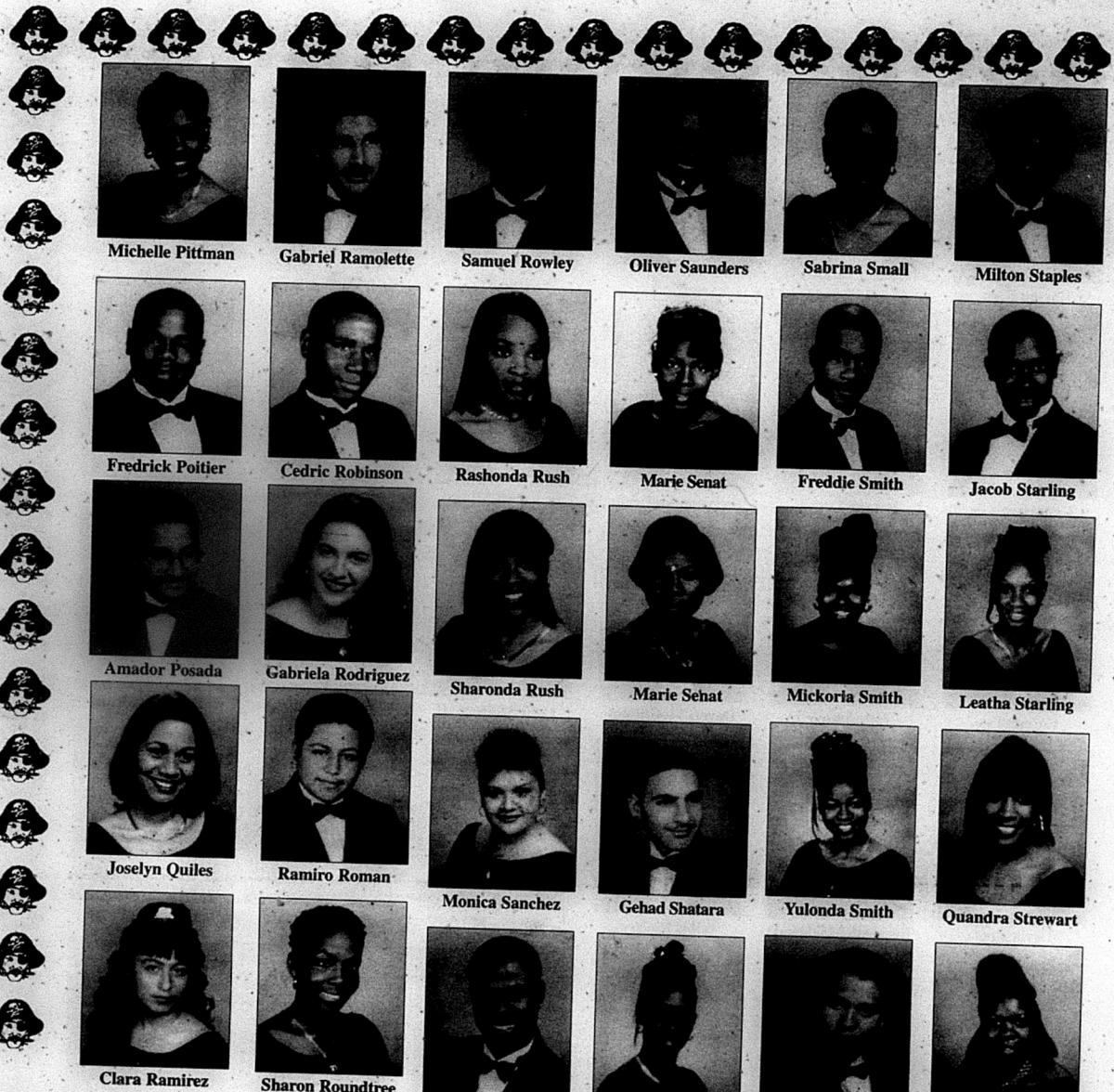


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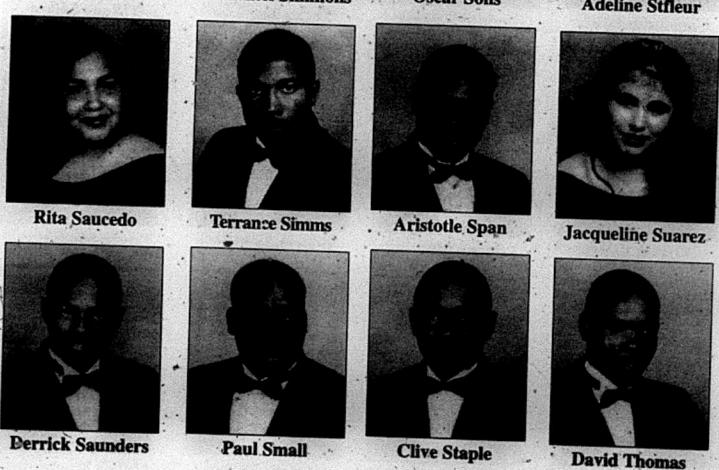
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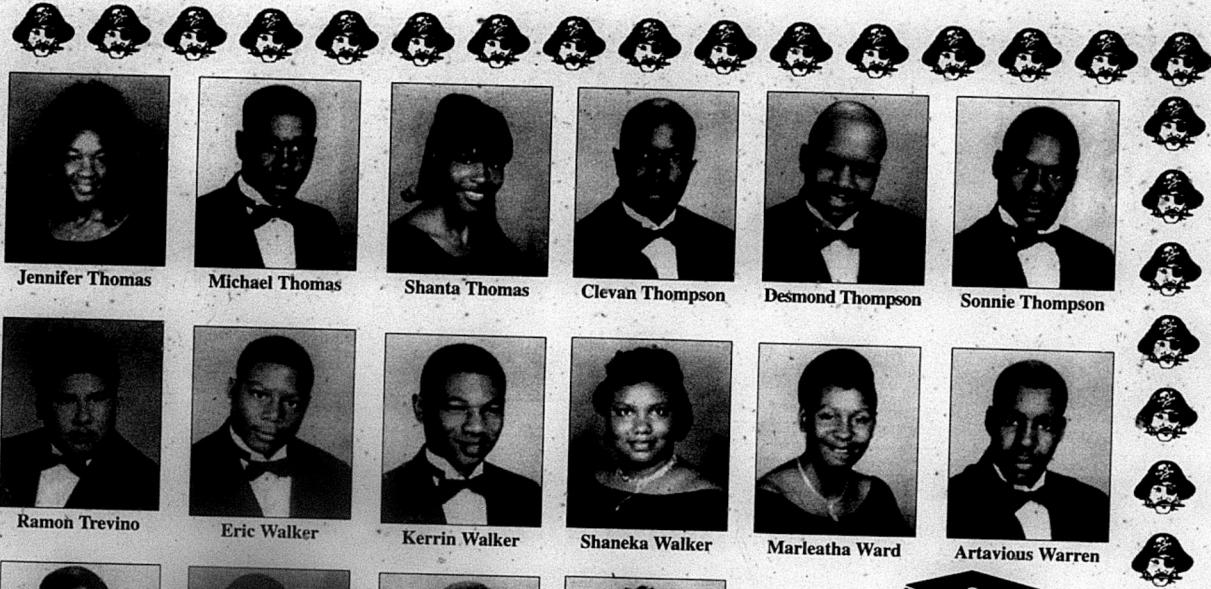
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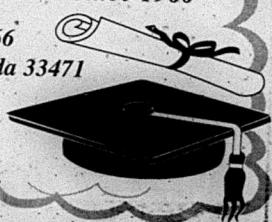
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George Perez, the valedictorian of Pahokee High School Class of 1998, has been an altar server at St. Mary's Parish in Pahokee for seven years.

George, 18, is the son of Melchor and Natividad Perez who arrived from the Philippines more than seven years ago and have since resided in Pahokee.

He is a National Honor Society student and participates on his school advisory council. George is a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC, SECME student council and has volunteered more than 100 hours to W.I.N. West Palm, Inc., and St. Mary's Parish.

Perez is a cadet/lieutenant colonel in the Air Force JROTC and is the Palm Beach County ROTC joint staff commander.

George Perez was among a small group of students across the country who attended the National Youth Leadership Forum of Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy - a week-long forum held in Washington, D.C. Three representatives from Pahokee High School attended this forum out of 1,200 junior and senior s across the Western hemisphere.

Among his highest achievements, George captured the most awards - seven in total - for his participation in the Morehouse College math/science program last summer in Atlanta.

George plans to pursue a military career while earning a master's degree in biotechnology. He has recently been named recipient of a \$50,000 four-year Air Force Junior ROTC grant. He plans to attend either Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Florida. Among all these accomplishments, George said he always finds time to play with his rock band, which consists of his older brother, Leo and younger sister, Nancy.

"I play the guitar, compose music and sing on occasion," George said.

George will enter a parish scholar-



ship program this month. Each year St. Mary's gives out \$2,000 in scholarships for three needy students from the parish. The applicants petition for this scholarship by writing an essay about why they feel they should be the recipient of the scholarship and what community services they perform.

After reviewing the applications, the scholarship committee then chooses an outstanding, hard-working student who gives back to their community.

Salutatorian

LaTisha Jones, the daughter of Linda and Joseph Jones Jr. was raised to be a young lady who promotes ethics and reasoning, emphasizing honesty and respect. Throughout the course of her middle and high school career, LaTisha has accepted challenges both academically and socially and remains poised and undaunted. She has committed herself to her school, community and possesses an inner desire to make a positive mark on the world. LaTisha has over 200 hours of community service to the First Apostolic Assembly in Pahokee, St. Mary's Catholic Church, the middle school STRAPPED Program, National Honor Society, W.I.N. (West Palm, Inc.), and the community through Air Force Junior ROTC. LaTisha has been chosen by Rep. Addie Green to serve as a messenger for a week in the Florida House of Representatives during the 1997 Legislative Session.

LaTisha is currently the Salutatorian of Pahokee Middle Senior High School's class of 1998. LaTisha has earned the position of Cadet Corps Commander of the FL 9314 JROTC Unit at Pahokee and currently holds the highest rank achievable in the AFJROTC Program (Cadet

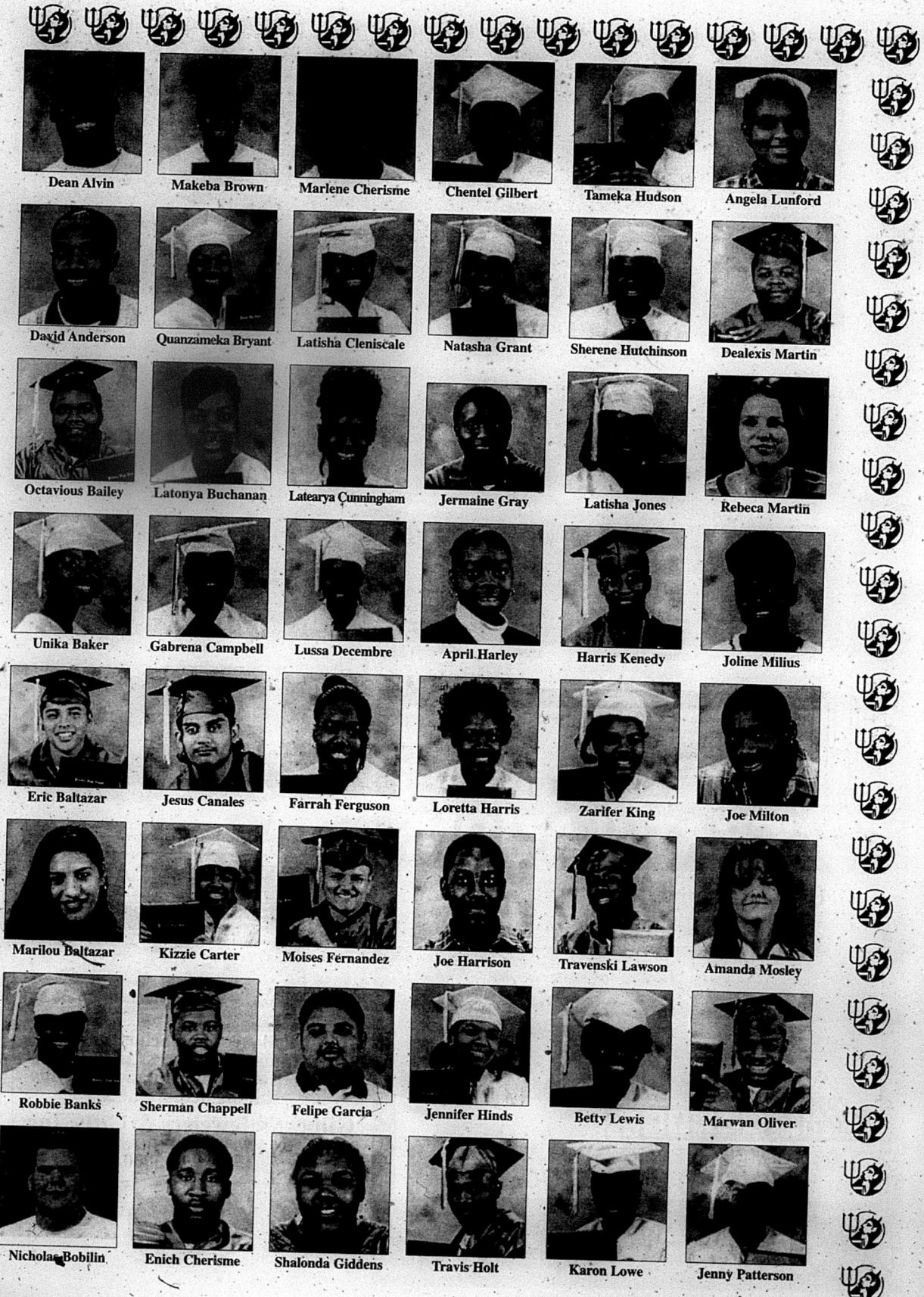


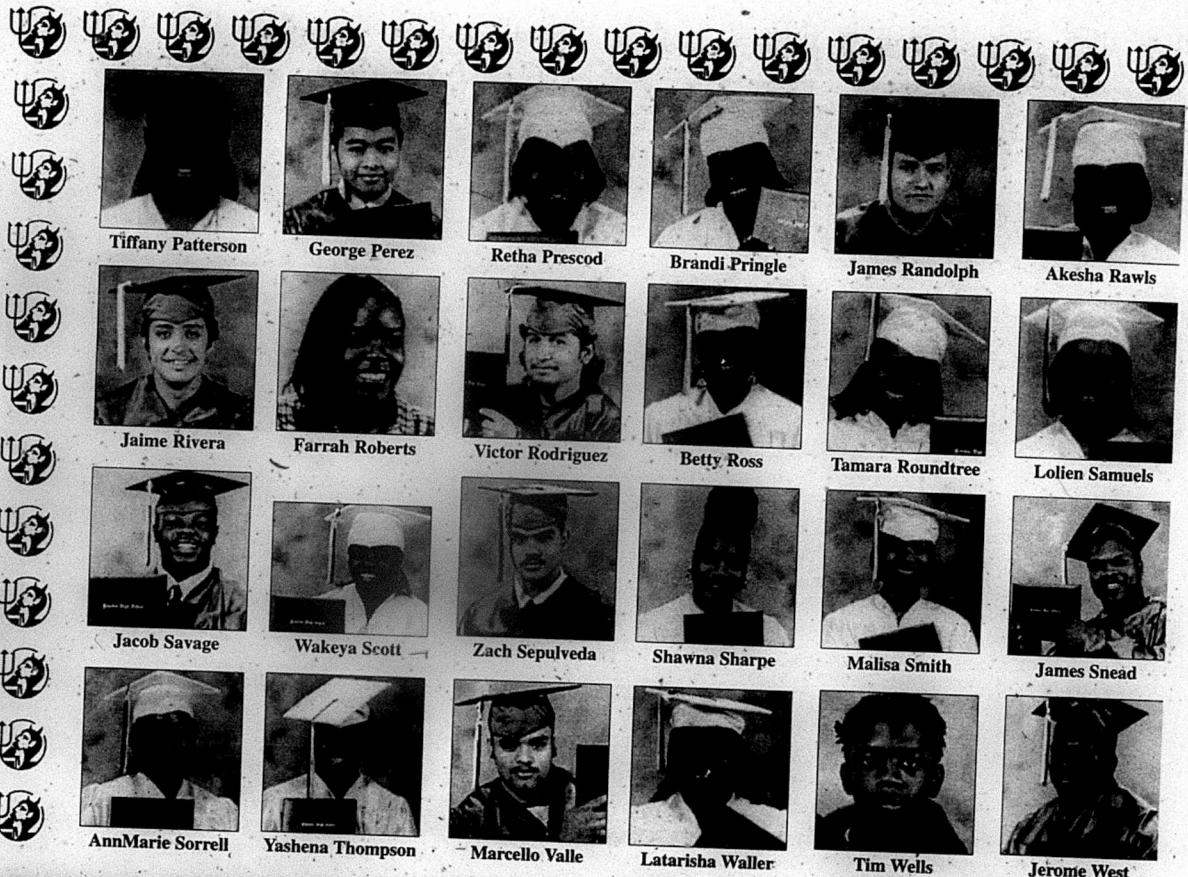
Colonel). She was selected in the NASA Sharp Plus Apprentice Program where she studied Physics and Chemistry at the Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the summer of 1996 and 1997. She is the Vice President of National Honor Society, Secretary to the McKnight Achiever Society, a member of Kitty Hawk Air Society (an honor program of JROTC), a Woman's Forum Teen Board member, and a Pathfinder Nominee for science. LaTisha says she is a perfectionist, but remains flexible and open to new ideas and suggestions.

For the past four years, LaTisha has been an active member of the AFJROTC Honor Guard, which consists of the Color Guard, Drill Team, and Rifle Team. She has received numerous awards, trophies, ribbons due to her determination to be the best in each of her activities. LaTisha has been named the recipient for the \$35,000, three years ROTC scholarship. She will attend the University of South Florida in Tampa, starting the fall of 98. There she will major in pre-medicine and/or nursing. Her ultimate goal is to improve the health of mankind by being a Pediatrician.

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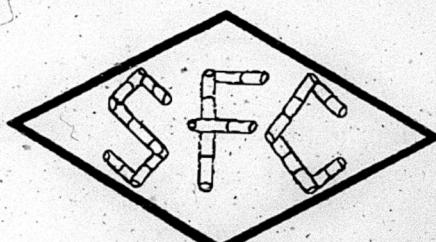


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The prostate is a sex gland in men. It is about the size of a walnut and is located below the bladder and in front of the rectum. It surrounds part of the urethra (the tube which carries urine from the bladder). The prostate makes the fluid that carries sperm.

The most common prostate problem is *benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)*, an enlargement of the prostate. This condition can cause discomfort and problems with urination. More than half of the men in the United States over the age of 50 have BPH. This is *not* cancer, but the symptoms are similar to those of prostate cancer, including a high level of PSA.

The PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test is a very important tool for detecting prostate cancer. During the test, blood is drawn and measured for a substance called PSA, which is produced by prostate gland cells.

A PSA level of 4.0 ng/ml or less is considered normal. If the amount of PSA in your blood is higher than normal, your doctor will want to rule out prostate cancer (as opposed to BPH or an inflamed/infected prostate). Your doctor may recommend that you have a second PSA test to see if your PSA level remains high, or order additional tests, such as transrectal ultrasound or a biopsy, to find out if cancer is present.

Don't let fear keep you from having the tests you need to detect, or help rule out, cancer. Ask your doctor to

order a PSA. Glades General's Laboratory will be happy to perform this test for you. Prostate cancer is most successfully treated when found early.

For more information about the early detection of prostate cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

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FITNESS FUN TEST

Summer is approaching and now is the time to shape up to look fit in our best beach wear! So, let's tighten those abs, burn some fat, and join in on the Second Annual Fitness Fun Fest. Sponsored by the Department of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness, the contest is open to all employees of Glades General Hospital. It will begin on Wednesday, April 1st and run seven weeks, finishing on Wednesday, May 20th, National Employee Health and Fitness Day.

Points will be earned by completing different fitness challenges around the hospital. The person accumulating the highest number of points will win the First Place Prize of \$75.00. Second Place is worth \$50.00 and Third Place is worth \$25.00.

To enroll, stop by Cardiac Rehab/Wellness exercise room and pick up your information packet and tally sheet. GOOD LUCK!

Our Mission

To be the hospital of choice for the residents and visitors of Western Palm Beach County by providing the highest quality of services for general medical and surgical needs, health education, preventative medicine, and early intervention in the course of illness.

Our Vision

- ◆ To participate in the development of a model healthcare system for the Glades Region, by supporting and strengthening the network of public and private healthcare providers in Western Palm Beach County.
- ◆ To adapt existing services or add new services to address new and/or unmet healthcare needs in the community.
- ◆ To remain financially able as an institution to support quality healthcare, in accordance with regulatory and licensing agencies, with the efficient and prudent use of tax monies.
- ◆ To maintain a commitment to a healthcare environment which utilizes the principles and practices of continuous quality improvement.

Our Values

We, as a healthcare institution, define our values as:

- ... compassion in our approach to care,
- ... the recognition of the rights of all individuals to treatment with dignity,
- ... respect and caring for those served and those who serve,
- ... safety and cleanliness of the internal and external environment,
- ... continual improvement of the quality of our performance.



As 5th graders across the country prepared to descend on Washington, D.C. for the annual Safety Patrol field trip, Rosenwald Elementary's own Jose Espinoza was doing his best to get well enough to join them on a trip he had been looking forward to for a long time. But it wasn't meant to be. Jose's biggest disappointment was that he wasn't going to be able to see the "big White House."

Sometimes prayers are answered in unexpected ways. As CEO Gene Faile, explained to Jose, "Sometimes when you can't

go the White House, the White House comes to you!"

When Mrs. Clinton's Press Secretary, Sandra Tijerina, heard about Jose, she spoke with Mrs. Clinton and they sent him a package full of pictures of Mr. & Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Clinton with his new puppy, Air Force One, Socks the cat, and the White House itself. Jose was thrilled as he and Mr. Faile shared the photos with Dr. Jesus Palacio and Patty Hood, R.N. "I'm going to take these home and put them in a very safe place. I can't believe they sent these to me!" said a very happy young man.

At Glades General Hospital, we care about our patients' health and we care about our patients!

MEDICATION EDUCATION

Medicines are a modern miracle. It seems that there's a pill for anything that bothers you, and, there are many times when a pill makes you feel better and is important for staying healthy.

While every medication has a specific purpose, each also has possible side effects that can cause problems. Every time you get a new drug prescribed for you or you consider taking an over-the-counter medication, ask your doctor or pharmacist the following questions:

- How will this drug help me?
- Is there anything else I can do besides take this medicine?
- Is this the lowest dose and if not, why not?
- What are the possible side effects?
- What should I do if I have a reaction?
- Does this medicine interact with other medicines or foods I'm taking?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?

It is important that your doctor(s) and pharmacist know what medications you are taking...both prescription and over-the-counter.

- Keep a personal record of all your medicines. Show this record to each doctor you see. (Keep this list in your wallet.)
- Organize and store your medications according to your pharmacist's advice, safely and out of children's reach. Put a list of all the pills you are taking and at what time in a convenient place. Another option would be to use a special box or tray with compartments, to aid in compliance with scheduling.
- Choose a pharmacist that you feel comfortable talking to and a drug store that is well run and convenient. Many pharmacies have computers that check all medications you take for possible problems.
- If, like many people, you get some of your medicines by mail, read all the materials that come with your order. Some mail order companies have pharmacists available who you can call with your questions.
- Check your medications for expiration dates and dispose of them in a proper manner.

If you think you have a problem with your medications, talk with your doctor. **Don't stop taking your medication on your own.** You need your doctor's help.

Can Your Baby Hear?

Hearing loss is a hidden handicap because children, especially infants and toddlers, cannot tell us that they do not hear.

No disability impacts an infant's ability to communicate with the world as severely as hearing loss. Profound hearing loss isolates the infant in a cocoon of silence. Even mild hearing loss when left untreated, inflicts learning disabilities which may never be overcome. The severity of these learning disabilities is generally related to the length of time the hearing loss is left untreated.

Hearing loss is the most widespread chronic problem for children. It's also the least recognized problem, because it's invisible. More than 100,000 children under age five in the U.S. suffer from a hearing loss.

During the past decade, significant advances have greatly improved our ability to identify hearing loss in the earliest days of life.

Dr. Mayra de Lourdes Zeno is currently performing hearing screens on newborns every Friday in Suite 9 of Physicians' Park, 1199 South Main Street, Belle Glade. Beginning July 1st, screenings will be done on Mondays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

If you are interested in having your baby's hearing tested and your baby is six months old or less, please contact Dr. Zeno at 996-6571 ext. 391.

Your Baby's Hearing Checklist

Birth to 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quiets or diminishes activity when approached by sound (hears parent's voice)
3 to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is startled by loud sound (startle = blink, body jerk, cessation of sucking, sudden cry)Looks to speaker's voice
6 to 10 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Turns head to search for source of a voiceEnjoys rattles, noise-making toys
10 to 15 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anticipates feeding by familiar sounds (bottle rattling, spoon in dish, etc.)Reacts to music by cooingResponds to own name
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looks to right person when words "Mommy" and "Daddy" are said
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shows understanding of common words such as "no" "all-gone," "bye," "nightie-night"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Babbles (sounds like da, ba, ma)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Knows names of favorite toys and can point to them when asked
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Likes rhymes and jingles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Imitates simple words and sounds

The Heart of the Matter

As members of the nursing staff watched, mesmerized, Dr. Reddy Vardhan, General and Vascular Surgeon, dissected a cow's heart. Through this "hands on" in-service, the nurses were able to better understand the anatomy and physiology of the heart and appreciate the intricacies of heart/vascular surgery.



Fine-Tuning Our Management Team

A warm welcome to **Marian Schutzman-Smith**, Human Resources Director, who comes to us with four years Human Resource Management experience. Marian's wide range of knowledge in this field will greatly benefit the employees of GGH.

We also welcome **Zane Coker**, Food Services Director, who comes to us with twenty years of experience in this field. Zane has worked in a wide variety of food service specialties including ALF's, nursing homes, hospitals and universities. This man really knows his way around a kitchen!

Another welcome addition to our management team is **Rob Koper**, Laboratory Manager. Rob comes to us from

Everglades Regional Medical Center where he was Laboratory Manager since 1986. Rob is an ASCP MT and comes to us with outstanding references from Palm Beach Pathology. His knowledge and experience will benefit not only the staff, but the community we serve.

And finally, but no less warmly, welcome to **Bill Dalton**, Health Information Services Director (formerly Medical Records). Bill has approximately five years of experience in the medical field and is certified as a Registered Records Administrator with a Masters in Business Administration. Bill's extensive JCAHO regulatory compliance experience will be an asset to our hospital staff.

GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL

Our Patients Speak For Us...

Dear Glades Hospital Staff:

I appreciate everything you all have done for me. This is from the bottom of my heart -- every shift, every staff came when I called, helped me when I needed help. An administrator, I think her name is Debbie, came to visit almost every day. I want to applaud all the staff for their caring and generosity, even in the difficult times when I had to get a blood transfusion and a lumbar puncture. The OR staff calmed me down when I was crying and reassured me about the procedure.

Dr. Abu and Dr. Thomas-Richards treated me as if I were their mother.

This is my first stay at Glades General Hospital and I appreciate the time the staff took to really talk to me and listen, too.

Love,
Shirley



In celebration of Patient Access Day, our Business Office Management, Laurie Corcoran and Dallas Belcher, treated their staff to a luncheon. They were given Glades General Hospital water bottles, pens, and pads in appreciation of their dedication and service to our patients.

"This front office staff is our first access to the patients we serve. They are responsible for the registration, insurance verification, pre-authorization for ER, Out Patient, Same Day Surgery and In-Patient Admissions" remarked Ms. Corcoran. "Dallas and I really appreciate the hard work they do and are happy that there is a day of recognition



A Word of Thanks...

Dear Mr. Jaile,

It is very rare that we as nurses here at Glades General Hospital get to experience the role of being a patient.

I had surgery here yesterday and I just felt that you should know how excellent the nursing care was.

The OR nurses alleviated my anxiety about surgery and made me feel much more comfortable.

I may be a little prejudiced about my fellow co-workers in OB, but again, I had excellent care.

My experience as a patient was very positive and if I ever have to have surgery again, I would definitely choose Glades General!

Sincerely,
Lois



Our Best Keep Getting Better!

We are proud to announce that Lynn Foley, R.N., Nurse Manager for Obstetrics, has earned a special Certification in Inpatient Obstetrics, entitling her to the distinction of using the title of RNC, Registered Nurse Certified.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

This poem was written by Jerondio Clitar Encienzo, Jr., B.S.M.T., from our Laboratory. What a beautiful way of expressing appreciation. We give you...

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Thousands of reasons and endless dreams
That somehow and somewhere along our way
Comes the greatest opportunity
In this land of milk and honey...

Thousands flocked into its door,
Into the door of opportunities,
With all its captivating beauty and charms -
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Leaving behind all our fears and insecurities
Just to achieve the "American Dream."

As we wander along the paths of our dreams,
The brightest light leads our way
Into the most tender caress and loving arms
Of our beloved GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL.



Have a question about Physical Therapy...

JUST ASK CARMEN

Q: What is one basic need for a good exercise program?
A: A good exercise program is an outlined program which is individualized to meet the goals for each activity.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards on the opening of his Orthopaedic and Hand Center of the Glades. Sharing the site is the North Campus of Glades General Hospital's Physical Therapy Department.

The February Open House was a tremendous success thanks in part to the culinary expertise of our new Dietary Manager, Zane Coker, and the wonderfully planned, self-guided tour.

If you were unable to attend, please call 996-2663 for a personal tour. We know you'll be impressed!

Physical Therapy wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest addition...Melissa Morelos. Melissa is a Licensed Physical Therapist who recently moved to the Wellington area from Greenfield, Wisconsin. She is the perfect addition to our team!

Welcome to the New Members of our Family

Veronica Daniels	OB
John-Norman	Lab
Mary Anderson	Lab
Barbara Rodriguez	Personnel
Tracy Manderville	Lab
Gloria Wyatt	Lab
Julie Pace	ER
Elizabeth McKeehan	OB
Olivia Butts	CCU
Deanna Pelham	HIS
Maria Garcia	OB
Mryla Ruiz	Business Office
Michela Trevino	Business Office
Linda Brown	Med/Surg
Martha Davila	Business Office
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Loretta Henson	Radiology
Judy Walker	Radiology
Sherry Santos	Radiology
Sylvia Hall	OB
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EARLY DETECTION IS THE KEY

By

Krishna Tripuraneni, M.D., MBA, FACG

Colon cancer is the second most common cancer. When detected early, **more than 90% can be cured.**

Most colon cancers start as polyps, which are small, tumor-like growths that project from a mucous membrane surface. Polyps can usually be removed through a colonoscopic exam.

The key to early detection of colon polyps and cancer is the concern and willingness of people to seek medical attention from a physician. Symptoms can include rectal bleeding, weight loss, a change in bowel habits, abdominal pain, and anemia.

The tests used by physicians to detect colon polyps and cancer are:

- stool exam to detect hidden blood
- sigmoidoscopy and/or colonoscopy (which are visual exams of the large bowel)
- barium enema

Heredity is probably the most important factor for polyps forming, but there are other risk factors.

- ◆ a diet of red meats and fatty foods
- ◆ being over age 50
- ◆ a history of breast cancer
- ◆ a history of ulcerative colitis

This cancer does not need to be fatal! There is much that can be done to prevent and cure this disease. The essential, first-step is **yours! Call for additional information and a colon cancer screening.**

Glades General Hospital recommends you contact Dr. Tripuraneni, Palm Beach Medical Associates in Belle Glade at 561-996-5600 or in Loxahatchee at 561-795-3330.

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If there's a subject you would like to learn more about and hear discussed on House Calls, please give Terri a call at Glades General at extension 444.



We hope you'll tune in and join in by calling 996-9243 with your questions and comments.

Time Flies When You're Having Fun

Warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Gene Jaile, CEO and Administrator of Glades General, on the first anniversary of his employment, May 19th. Keep up the good work!

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